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NEWSWATCH

Saudi denial

NICOSIA, July 15, (Reuters): Saudi Arabia today denied it had arrested any suspected bomber in investigations into the haj explosions which killed a pilgrim and wounded 16 people in the holy city of Makkah.

Saudi Arabia's English-language newspaper, Arab News, reported the arrests on Thursday and a diplomat in the kingdom said two people had been detained.

But the Saudi Press Agency (SPA) quoted an official source as saying no arrests had been made in connection with Monday night's blasts which struck as hundreds of thousands of pilgrims were leaving Islam's holiest shrine, The Grand Mosque.

Bomb attack

ATHENS, July 15, (Reuters): A fire bomb today wrecked a Lebanese-owned video shop in the Athens seaside suburb of Glyfada, seriously wounding an Egyptian man suspected of involvement in the attack, police said.

Six men, including the Egyptian, were detained in connection with the incident. The motive was not immediately known.

After breaking into the shop, one man left cans of petrol which he ignited with a fire bomb. The ensuing fire gutted the shop in the centre of Glyfada, a popular area often crowded with weekend tourists.

Tanker leaking

ABU DHABI, United Arab Emirates, July 15, (AP): A tanker damaged in a collision in the Indian Ocean last month is anchored off the port of Khor Fakkan and leaking oil that threatens the United Arab Emirates coastline, shipping sources reported today.

The Maltese-flagged 32,000-tonne puppy was estimated to have spilled 5,500 tons of a 50,000-ton cargo into the Arabian Sea, the sources said. They spoke on condition of anonymity.

A ton of oil is roughly equivalent to 300 US gallons.

Spying charges

AMSTERDAM, Netherlands, July 15, (AP): A Dutch dentist and businessman has been accused of passing unspecified state secrets to the Soviet Union, Dutch newspapers reported today.

The 47-year-old man allegedly spied for the Soviet military intelligence service, GRU, over an eight-year period, according to reports.

The Amsterdam newspaper De Volkskrant said that police and investigators of the Dutch Domestic Security Service found many classified documents on Dutch-made military products inside the man's Amsterdam apartment.

Islam recognised

MADRID, Spain, July 15, (AP): Nearly 500 years after expelling all Muslims when he refused to convert to Christianity, the King of Spain today recognised Islam yesterday as a major national religion.

The Ministry of Justice's advisory commission on religious freedom granted Islam the status of a religion "of substantial historical" in Spain, as the King Henry VIII whose grandfather led the excavation of the tomb of King Tutankhamun in the 1920s, officials said today.

The relic is an alabaster head of King Amenophis III, Tutankhamun's grandfather. Originally unearthed by the legendary archaeologist Howard Carter, the three-inch alabaster head was found in some old family gun cases in a dusty brushing room, and is similar to one already in the Metropolitan Museum of New York.

Relic discovered

LONDON, July 15, (UPI): A long-lost ancient Egyptian relic has been discovered in the ancestral castle, Highclere, in Hampshire, south England, of the Earl Henry Spencer-Compton whose grandfather led the excavation of the tomb of King Tutankhamun in the 1920s, officials said today.

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Spurned lover

BRUSSELS, July 15, (Reuters): A spurned lover doused his girlfriend with petrol today and held police at bay for two hours by brandishing a cigarette lighter and threatening to set her on fire.

The man, aged about 40, seized the woman in a Brussels supermarket, where she worked, after she had threatened to break off their relationship, police said.

The drama ended after two hours when police distracted the man and overpowered him.



Happy Parisians dressed in costumes take to the streets of their city to take part in the celebration of the 200th anniversary of the French Revolution. (Reuters wirephoto)

G-7 backs Palestinian polls

Summit slaps China

PARIS, July 15, (Agencies): The world's wealthiest industrialised democracies today strongly urged China to end its crack-down on the pro-democracy movement and offered Eastern Europe the opportunity for more economic co-operation.

In a political declaration issued at the midpoint of their three-day economic summit, the leaders of the United States, France, Britain, West Germany, Canada, Italy and Japan noted their previous condemnation of "the violent repression in China in defiance of human rights."

"We urge the Chinese authorities to cease action against those who have done no more than claim their legitimate rights to democracy and liberty," the statement said.

"Furthermore, each of us has agreed that, in view of current economic uncertainties, the examination of new loans by the World Bank be postponed."

The seven leaders said they "look to the Chinese to create conditions which will avoid their isolation and provide for a return to co-operation based on the resumption of movement toward political and economic reform."

an openness."

French Foreign Minister Roland Dumas said today the world's leading industrialised countries believed Israel's plan for Palestinian elections could be a positive step if held properly.

Summarising discussions among the Group of Seven's foreign ministers, he told journalists the summit participants were "deeply concerned... by the aggravation of the situation" in the Middle East.

Dumas said the ministers, meeting here at the annual world economic summit, would make no formal statement for planned polls in the occupied West Bank and Gaza.

"They consider the elections proposed in the occupied territories could mark a step forward, as long as they take place in an atmosphere of free expression," he said.

The persistence of violence in the Israeli-occupied territories was particularly worrying, Dumas said.

"The seven are profoundly preoccupied by the situation in the Middle East and the aggravation of this situation," Dumas said. "It calls more than ever for a

solution respecting the legitimate rights of the Palestinian people and the security of all states in the region, including Israel."

The French foreign minister said the summit participants "believe the time has come for opening a dialogue among the parties concerned." An international conference on the Middle East could promote a direct dialogue, something Israel refuses.

Dumas also said the ministers expressed support for an Arab League committee seeking a solution to the Lebanese conflict.

The political statement of the summit covered four subjects — China, East-West, terrorism and human rights.

British Foreign Secretary Sir Geoffrey Howe told a news conference that it was envisaged the conference on Polish aid would organise both food and cash contributions from participating nations.

US President George Bush's trip to Poland and Hungary was a topic of discussion during yesterday's dinner, which focused exclusively on Eastern Europe.

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'Gulf talks stalled'

No meeting scheduled

TEHRAN, July 15, (Reuters): Iran again blamed Iraq today for the stalemate in Gulf war peace talks, saying it must pull its forces out of Iranian territory.

"If we cannot say that we are in a deadlock, we can say we are in a stalemate because Iraq has refused to withdraw from our territory," Foreign Minister Ali Akbar Velayati told reporters.

Velayati said the acceptance of United Nations ceasefire Resolution 598 clearly included a mutual withdrawal of forces to pre-war borders.

Talks began five days after the UN-sponsored ceasefire last August 20 ended eight years of fighting, but they have made almost no progress.

Iran says Iraq still occupies about 2,600 sq km (1,000 sq miles) of its land and demands it withdraw. Iraq insists that the Shatt Al Arab waterway, its main outlet to the Gulf, must be cleared of war debris and reopened as a priority.

Asked when the UN-mediated peace talks might resume, Velayati said no meeting was scheduled but further discussions were possible at an undisclosed time.



In tears

Granddaughter Zehra of Iran's late leader Ayatollah Khomeini listens in tears to a speech made by the Iranian parliamentary speaker Hashemi Rafsanjani today at the Islamic women organisation congress in Tehran. (Reuters wirephoto)

Sharafqandi named to replace Qassemlou as KDP secretary-general

VIENNA, July 15, (KUNA): The Iranian Kurdistan Democratic Party (KDP) today named Dr Sadiq Sharafqandi as the party's new secretary-general to replace Abdulrahman Qassemlou who was killed in his apartment here on Thursday.

A spokeswoman for the KDP has ruled out involvement of the KDP or any other Iraqi party in the assassination of Qassemlou and of his aides.

However, she denied knowledge of any negotiations between her party and the Iranian government as reported by Tehran's embassy here today.

But she stressed that the party believes in negotiations to achieve a peaceful settlement to the Kurdish problem.

The spokeswoman stated that the party had delegated Qassemlou and his deputy to explore Iran's preparedness for negotiations.

Qassemlou, 59, and two others were shot in the head when gunmen stormed the apartment near the city centre where they had held their meeting, police said.

The other two were identified as Abdullah Ghaderi-Azar, 37, a deputy of Qassemlou, and Iraq-born Fadel Mala Mahmoud Rasouli, 38, who has held Austrian citizenship since 1985.

The wounded diplomat was identified as Mohamed Difaari Saharoodi. Police said he was not yet able to give a detailed account of what had happened because he had

Laurel's party criticizes Germans

MANILA, Philippines, July 15, (AP): Vice-President Salvador Laurel's opposition party has criticized West German politicians for raising the human-rights issue during President Corason Aquino's recent visit there.

"It was not Mrs Aquino who was demeaned, but the entire Filipino nation and people that she represented," the central committee of the Nacionalista Party said in a statement yesterday.

Aquino arrived in West Germany last Sunday and left Tuesday for France. She returned to Manila today.

Several Manila newspapers said the German criticism was unfair because most abuses occur in connection with the 20-year war against communist rebels.

Government officials claim the communist-dominated National Democratic Front, which operates an information office in the Netherlands, orchestrated an anti-government propaganda blitz in Europe to discredit Aquino during the trip.

Aquino, during her stay in Europe, won pledges of more trade and aid from French, German and Belgian leaders to bolster democracy in her developing country.

"I asked for increase in trade and investments not out of their own interest, no less than ours," Aquino said on arrival in Manila. "I asked for debt relief not as something we bid for but as something we rightfully deserve on the basis of sound economic performance."

During the visit, the West Germans pledged 110 million marks (\$58.8 million) in development aid this year. The French committed 1 billion francs (\$160 million) in low-interest loans over the next four years as their contribution to the multinational Philippine Assistance Programme.

In Brussels, Filipino officials signed farm aid agreements, including a 10.4-million European Currency Unit (\$11.3-million) training programme.

Matuses said the European Economic Community was ready to support the Philippine Assistance Programme and would probably supply up to 300 million ECUs (\$327 million) in aid this year, three times the average annual assistance it has provided over the last four years.

In her arrival statement, Aquino said she invited European businessmen to increase investments in the Philippines "to share with us the rich future of the coming age of the Pacific."

"They responded by saying that they had long waited for this call," she said. "Henceforth, they shall support our initiatives abroad and our developments at home."

Bashir hails Arab backing

'Sudan gets aid but no arms'

By Shaker Al Jouhari

THERE were no contacts with any Arab capital or embassy in Khartoum prior to the military coup, Sudan's new military leader, Gen. Omar Hassan Al Bashir said, but added that he praised the wide-ranging support the new regime in Sudan has been accorded by various Arab countries.

"The Arab world is one body and is moved when any of its members are adversely affected and in this sense, Arab support is a kind of passion towards Sudan and is purely motivated towards serving Sudan," the new military leader said.

The official went on to say that the former prime minister himself is on record as telling the Sudanese people and the Arab world that Sudan was heading towards becoming a second Lebanon. He added that because of this scenario they had been supported by the Arabs.

"The Arab welcome to the new regime in Sudan reflects their pleasure at the overthrow of the previous regime," Gen. Bashir said.

Quered if the determination of the previous regime to apply Islamic laws in Sudan contributed to the support of the Arab countries to his coup, Gen. Bashir said that "trading in the Islamic sharia and its implementation has greatly harmed the sharia and created many enemies for Islam. The Sudanese people are after all a Muslim people," Bashir added.

About the standing of the new rulers in Sudan, Gen. Bashir said: "We in the first place are Sudanese nationalists, but we also support Arab and African unity. However, the Sudanese have some special features — which undoubtedly differ from other Arabs."

Speaking of his priorities, Bashir said that development of the armed forces and police in Sudan is one of the prime concerns of the new regime. He added: "I believe that the Arab countries wish to see Sudanese armed and police forces strong and efficient and thus we expect to obtain military aid from them."

Elucidating, he said that Sudan has received recently large quantities of aid from the Arab countries and this aid is in the form of fuel, flour and drugs. He categorically denied having received any arms and added that no discussions with any party have been instituted in this respect.

Basically, his plan of action initially will be to work towards



Bashir

the creation of the Sudanese nationalism and then strengthen this concept to deal with the political needs of the country, he said. When asked if this could be translated into meaning withdrawal of his previous calls for unity with Egypt and Libya, Bashir strongly refuted this suggestion and added that Libya and Egypt are two Arab and African countries and there is no difference when I speak of Arab or African unity when it relates to Libya and Egypt.

But, he added "this aim will be temporarily postponed until the constitution is well established in united Sudan". He said that efforts to bridge the gap between Egypt and Libya had already been in the pipeline — even before he came to power in Sudan. He expected stronger and stable relations between Libya and Egypt in the future and described what had been achieved in this context "as commendable."

About relations with Libya, Bashir said that the two heads of state will exchange visits though no dates have been fixed. The Libyan leader could not meet the Sudanese revolutionary council envoy solely because of the former's prior heavy commitments.

"As we call for the Sudanese problem to be solved through peaceful means, we want other world problems, including the Middle East problems to be solved peacefully," Bashir said and added that Sudan supported the Arab stances towards Lebanon. Describing the Iran-Iraq war as a war of destruction for Arab and Islamic nations, he said: "After the Iranian revolution, we hope that Iran will be an added force to that of the Arab nation against the first enemy of the Arab and Islamic nation —

Israel."

He indicated that it is a matter of principle not to let any armed opposition operate from within the country against any country in the neighbourhood. Concentrated efforts are being made to reconcile the government with the opposition in Chad and then improve relations between Chad and Libya. "There is no Islamic battalion in the Sudan, though there are some Chadian opposition elements which have been partly disarmed," Bashir said.

He pointed out that the purpose of the Sudanese delegation to the Libyan Jamahiriya is to discuss Sudanese-Libyan relations and to agree on pivotal undisputed issues such as the Palestine question.

He said that no discussions had so far been held with the leader of the Southern Sudanese rebels, John Garang. "Thus, we are not aware of what views he has on the existing military pacts between Sudan and Libya on the one hand, and Sudan and Egypt on the other," he added.

Bashir said that contacts with Garang dealt with party matters, but bilateral agreements on joint defence policies constitute a perfectly normal co-operative procedure. He confirmed that no deals were made between Garang's forces and the toppled government of Al Mahdi. However, an agreement was reached between the Federal Democratic Party and Garang. This agreement poses no threat to any agreement signed by the Sudan at the international level, Bashir added.

He said that no national approval was granted to the government reshuffle under Al Mahdi and he himself did not agree to the reshuffle. He stressed his dislike for reaching agreements on pre-set conditions which are reflected in the November agreement where conditions were set unfairly. A vital point was the ceasefire, he added.

He pointed out that it was a possibility that Col John Garang wanted to partition the southern part of the Sudan, as the issue emerged when the southern part was partitioned into three territories; being the reason which triggered the rebellion in the first place.

He added that the issue started taking local, regional and international dimensions, which could be part of political manoeuvres leading to escalation of this issue.

He said no solution to the issue with Col Garang could be possible through an agreement with the Ethiopian government. "The solution we are seeking is one

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Moscow paid for Scuds: Benazir

'Soviets aiding Afghans'

PARIS, July 15, (KUNA): Pakistan Premier Benazir Bhutto today said the Soviet Union has not ceased to extend military support to the Afghanistan government even after last December's Geneva agreement on the Afghan problem.

Speaking at a press conference, Benazir said Kabul received 50 plane-loads of military supplies from Moscow daily in the period between January and June.

She added that in the same period, the Afghan troops fired 400 "Scud" surface-to-surface missiles on positions of the mujahedeen, underlining that each of these missiles has a price tag of \$1 million, which was paid by Moscow.

Benazir maintained that Pakistan was keen to advance the peace process in Afghanistan, because the brightening of the religious and social tension in

that neighbouring country affects Pakistan.

On relations with India, Benazir said the two countries have recently reached three agreements of non-aggression and a new round of talks with her Indian counterpart, Rajiv Gandhi is scheduled for tomorrow in Islamabad.

Diplomats in Islamabad said today that India and Pakistan are likely to finalize an accord to end a more than 3-year-old conflict over the desolate Siachen glacier in the Himalayas during Rajiv's visit.

The sources said that progress had been made on an agreement to end the confrontation in "the world's highest battlefield."

They also pointed out that Rajiv would like to cement with a significant achievement the first visit to Pakistan by an Indian prime minister since his grandfather, Jawaharlal Nehru, went there 30 years ago.

Bomb kills 9

KABUL, Afghanistan, July 15, (AP): A bomb hidden in a parked truck exploded today in downtown Kabul, killing at least nine people and injuring 49, the government said.

No one claimed responsibility for the blast, but the government blamed Muslim rebels and unidentified "foreign agents" who support them.

The bomb, which experts say, may have contained as much as 500 kilograms (1,100 pounds) of dynamite, exploded at noon (0730 GMT) on Nader Shah Road near the city's centre, police and witnesses said.

Hospital sources, speaking on condition of not being identified, said at least 10 of the injured were in critical condition.

"I saw people on the road. There were people with their heads totally smashed," said Mohammad Nabi Andar, who arrived at the scene five minutes after the blast.

The explosion blew a crater 6 feet (2 metres) wide and 3 feet (1 metre) deep in the road, officials said. (See Afghan, Page 5)

NEWS IN BRIEF

3 die in crash

ROME/VILLE, Illinois, July 15, (AP): A single-engine plane crashed into a machine shop shortly after takeoff, killing all three people aboard and injuring two workers at the shop, authorities said.

The Walco Tool and Engineering Co., which had about 50 employees working at the time of the crash yesterday, is about a quarter mile (400 metres) from the runway of Lewis University Airport.

"There was this gigantic explosion," said Joe Gladkowski, 40, a machinist at the shop.

One of the men, a machinist, was listed in serious condition at a hospital with burns over more than half of his body. Another employee was treated and released.

Witnesses said the plane had trouble gaining altitude during takeoff.

Flees in car boot

ISTANBUL, July 15, (Reuters): A youth hiding under a blanket in a car boot was among 3,800 ethnic Turks who arrived in Turkey from Bulgaria in the past 24 hours, Anatolian News Agency reported today.

"If they'd caught me, I'd have been put in prison for the rest of my life," 18-year-old Nihat Nurettinoglu told the agency after arriving in the boot of his sister's car.

Nurettinoglu said he had not been given a passport with the rest of his family because he was eligible for military service. Turkey says many families in similar situations have left their young men behind in Bulgaria.

Blaze in river

MOSCOW, July 15, (Reuters): A Soviet farm worker tossed a cigarette butt into a river and caused a major alert as spilled fuel in the water burst into flames over several kilometres (miles), destroying two bridges and a Japanese-made tractor.

The Communist Party daily Pravda said today that the fire followed an accident in which a bulldozer driver cracked a pipeline and sent 4,000 tonnes of fuel gushing into the river.

"Accidents have been occurring all too often on the country's oil and gas pipelines," Pravda said. "But no one has learned any lessons."

Appeal rejected

KUALA LUMPUR, July 15, (Reuters): A Malaysian pardons board has rejected an appeal for clemency by a Briton sentenced to hang for trying to smuggle heroin, his lawyer said today.

It was Derrick Gregory's last attempt to save himself from the gallows after he was sentenced to death in March 1987.

"I have been informed by the British authorities in Kuala Lumpur that the appeal to the pardons board has been rejected," his lawyer, Rasiah Rajasingam, told Reuters.

Ties restored

BEIJING, July 15, (AP): China and Mongolia formally restored long-severed party ties during a visit to Ulan Bator by a Chinese Communist Party delegation, the official Xinhua news agency reported today.

In a dispatch from the Mongolian capital, Xinhua said Mongolian leader Zhambyan Batmonkh praised the normalisation of party links during a meeting yesterday with Zhu Liang, head of the international liaison department of China's Communist Party.

China and its sparsely populated northern neighbour recently emerged from almost three decades of icy relations caused by the split in 1960 between China and the Soviet Union.

Asylum refusal

KUALA LUMPUR, July 15, (UPI): More than 800 Vietnamese boat people have been pushed away from Malaysian shores despite assurances by the government that it would continue to offer first asylum to boat people, a spokesman for the UN High Commissioner for Refugees said today.

"At least sixteen groups totalling 880 people have landed in Indonesia since early June," UNHCR's Jean Marie Fakhouri said.

Some of the refugees had already landed in Malaysia when they were put back into their boats and towed out to sea, he said.

Fakhouri said the push-offs have been taking place since early May and have continued into July.

Landslide victims

BEIJING, July 15, (Reuters): Floods and landslides in China's southwest province of Sichuan have killed at least 814 people and rescue workers are still recovering the dead, official newspapers reported today.

Hopes of finding alive about 180 people still buried under a collapsed cliff since Monday were lost and their numbers had joined the official death toll, a provincial spokeswoman said.

Rocks and mud engulfed their residential compound in the remote town of Xikou when torrential rains caused the cliff hanging above them to collapse. Earlier in the week officials said 41 bodies had been recovered and 17 people rescued.

Amnesty appeal

BANGKOK, Thailand, July 15, (AP): An international human rights organisation claims military authorities in Burma have arrested at least 45 student and political party activists since March 1989, according to a report received today.

The London-based Amnesty International urged the Rangoon government to show restraint in dealing with civil protest that has again erupted in the Southeast Asian country.

Several thousand pro-democracy demonstrators were killed by security forces last year and the nation-wide uprising was crushed by a military government which seized power Sept 18.

Cambodian refugees

ARANYAPRATHET, Thailand, July 15, (AP): Thousands of refugees have quietly returned to Cambodia from a United Nations Refugee Camp in Thailand, Western relief officials said today.

Sultan of Brunei gives cradle-to-grave care

BANDAR SERI BEGAWAN, Brunei, July 15, (Reuters): The world's richest man, the Sultan of Brunei, cossets his subjects in a welfare state which provides true cradle-to-grave care.

Sultan Hassanah Bolkiah, hereditary ruler of the ethnic Malay monarchy on the coast of Borneo, gives his people free medical treatment for life and subsidised burial.

Well-stocked supermarkets sell beef flown in daily from Brunei's northern

Australian cattle ranch, which is bigger than the sultanate itself.

Petrol is cheaper than imported water in this oil state, where the government provides interest-free car loans and the average citizen belongs to a two-car family. Traffic chokes the usually tranquil avenues of the capital, Bandar Seri Begawan, during two brief daily "rush hours."

Western economists have estimated the Sultan's personal fortune at about

\$25 billion, a sum disputed by the authorities who say that would include all the national reserves.

No recent official figure is available for the accumulated foreign reserves. "Would you tell just anyone how much you had in the bank?" asked one Western diplomat.

According to some banking sources, the sultanate's investment agency controls between \$20 and \$25 billion.

Whatever the sum, Brunei's citizens enjoy many benefits from its wealth. There is no unemployment, no income tax and no apparent poverty. Annual per capita income is \$17,000.

The 48 per cent of the work force employed by the government qualify for subsidised trips to Makkah for the once-in-a-lifetime pilgrimage all Muslims hope to make.

Brunei's permanent population of

206,000 is made up of a Muslim Malay majority of 155,000, about 40,000 Chinese and 11,000 indigenous tribespeople who dwell in the largely unexploited interior.

Islam is followed moderately strictly. Muslims are forbidden to drink alcohol, to eat in restaurants that do not prepare food according to Islamic rites and are expected to keep their distance from the opposite sex.

Unmarried couples who do not comply are liable to be taken before a religious court and convicted of "khalwat" — close proximity between men and women, an offence that can earn up to six months in jail.

The national television station censors US and British series such as "Miami Vice," "Dynasty" and "The Benny Hill Show," cutting kissing sequences to avoid affronting Muslim sensibilities.

US sanctions against China

Bush urged to take harsher measures

WASHINGTON, July 15, (AP): The Senate voted 81-10 yesterday to impose economic sanctions against China and to urge President Bush to take even harsher measures.

The legislation was offered by Senate majority leader George Mitchell of Maine "to express to the government of China the concern which the American people feel about the continuing prosecution of Chinese students and workers who support the pro-democracy movement," Mitchell said.

It calls on Bush to make sure the leaders of China understand "that until they recognise the Chinese people's legitimate desire for democracy, human rights and justice, that relations between our two countries will remain strained."

The sanctions amendment was attached to pending legislation authorising \$4.66 billion for the State Department and allied agencies during the fiscal year beginning next Oct 1.

In Beijing, China's new Communist Party chief called for more ideological education to protect young people from the influence of Western culture and foreign news publications were removed from Beijing hotels, reports said today.

The official news media reported that Communist Party General Secretary Jiang Zemin said educators must take a clear-cut stand against the spread of Western influence following a student-led pro-democracy movement. He made the comments at a meeting yesterday on higher education also attended by Premier Li Peng.

Workers at several of Beijing's leading hotels for foreigners, meanwhile, said officials from the China National Publications Import and Export Corp. yesterday pulled all foreign magazines and newspapers from their bookshelves.

"We were very surprised. They came so suddenly," said an employee at the Jingling hotel. Since a military assault on Beijing halted the democracy movement in early June, the Communist Party and government have launched a nationwide campaign against dissent and Western ideas they say gave rise to student activism.

The hotels said the Chinese officials gave no reason for taking away the foreign publications and would not say when deliveries would be resumed.

"We're back to zero," said an executive at the Jianguo hotel.



A soldier questions a man who tried to avoid an army checkpoint at the entrance to the Beijing railway station. (Reuters wirephoto)

who asked that his name not be used.

He noted that Chinese authorities had stopped satellite transmissions of the US television network Cable News network at the Jianguo and other hotels on July 1. Foreign visitors now have almost no access to non-Chinese information about the outside world, he said.

Several other top-class joint-venture hotels, including the Sheraton Great Wall, the Holiday Inn and the Palace, also said foreign periodicals had been confiscated, although the authorities had not touched racks with foreign books, many including steamy romances.

Foreign periodicals have not been available at hotels patronised by Chinese for several

weeks. Hotels are among the few places Chinese citizens have access to Hong Kong newspapers and foreign publications such as Time and Newsweek, the Far Eastern Economic Review, the Asian Wall Street Journal and the International Herald Tribune.

These publications have carried lengthy accounts of the recent crackdown on dissent in China that are widely different from the official Chinese version. China insists the June 3-4 bloody military attack to crush the student-led pro-democracy movement was necessary because the students were led by "counter-revolutionaries" attempting to overthrow the government.

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Ties to be renewed

Rajiv arrives in Moscow

MOSCOW, July 15, (Agencies): Indian Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi arrived in Moscow today for a day of talks aimed at renewing his strong links with Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev.

Tass said Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze met Rajiv on his arrival from Paris, where he had joined more than 30 world leaders at celebrations marking the 200th anniversary of the French Revolution.

The news agency said the two leaders, who frequently meet under the terms of a 1971 Friendship Treaty, would first hold talks with their foreign ministers and then alone.

Rajiv and Gorbachev last met in New Delhi in November 1988, holding nine hours of talks and

reaching close agreement on a broad range of bilateral, regional and global issues.

A 10-page statement issued at the end of that visit set out common positions on disarmament and called for a "broad-based government" in Afghanistan.

Since the two men last met, Soviet troops have completed their pullout from Afghanistan but the Soviet-backed Kabul government is still battling Western-supported rebels.

Rajiv was one of four Third World leaders who issued a statement in Paris calling for an early North-South summit on world economic and environmental problems.

The Indian prime minister has said Indian-Soviet relations are

of exceptional importance not only to the two countries but also to atmosphere throughout the world, the Tass news agency reported today.

In an interview with Soviet Television on the eve of his one-day working visit (July 15) to the Soviet Union, the Indian leader said that for four years he had been with great pleasure working together with President Mikhail Gorbachev and never before had the two countries had so frequent contacts at such high level.

Rajiv pointed out the meetings have helped to work out a common approach to such issues as disarmament and international relations, promoted joint work for solving them, and furthered co-operation between India and the Soviet Union.

Rebels deny plans to secede

COLOMBO, Sri Lanka, July 15, (AP): A former Tamil rebel group now in control of this island nation's northeast province denied today that it planned to secede from Sri Lanka and establish a separate Tamil nation.

"We deny it. We have nothing to do with it," said George Seneviratne, a minister of the Eelam peoples' Revolutionary Liberation Front, which controls a local governing body called the provincial council.

Reports said the party was planning to declare an independent state on July 15 unless President Ranasinghe Premadasa's government devolved more powers to the council.

Meanwhile, India will not negotiate with Sri Lanka on the pullout of Indian troops from the island nation if Colombo does not withdraw "provocative remarks" made by its foreign minister, news reports said yesterday.

United News of India news agency quoted an unnamed Foreign Ministry spokesman as saying that India would have to review continuing talks with Colombo unless it withdrew remarks made by Sri Lankan Foreign Minister Ranjan Wijeratne at a news conference Thursday.

Wijeratne told reporters in Colombo that Sri Lankan soldiers and policemen would move out of their barracks in northeastern Sri Lanka by the end of the month and the Indian forces deployed there would be treated as an occupation army.

The issue is the latest complication in relations between the two countries, which are already soured by differences on a timetable for withdrawal of the 40,000-member Indian peacekeeping force in Sri Lanka.

The slayings Thursday of two Tamil leaders have further complicated the fierce dispute between New Delhi and Colombo.

Meanwhile, Sri Lankan President Ranasinghe Premadasa ordered Sri Lanka's police chief today to direct personally an investigation into the killing of a moderate Tamil leader.

Hundreds of mourners filed past the body of Appapillai Amirthalingam, leader of the Tamil United Liberation Front (TULF), in the capital, Colombo, today.

In the Tamil-dominated northern province, supporters of Amirthalingam displayed black mourning flags, shops remained closed and traffic stopped as a mark of respect.

Amirthalingam, 62, was shot dead on Thursday night by three men who had apparently come for a political discussion with him and his colleagues.

Former TULF member of parliament, Vettivelu Yogeswaran, was also killed and the party's former president, Murgess Sivathamparan, seriously wounded.

The three assailants were killed in a gun-battle with state security guards.

"I condemn these dastardly acts," Premadasa said in a statement.

India charged yesterday that a Sri Lankan Tamil rebel group carried out the assassinations of two leading moderate Tamil politicians in Colombo, but the organisation denied the charges, saying it believed "diabolical forces" were responsible.

An official spokesman blamed the Thursday night slayings of Amirthalingam and Yogeswaran on the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE), which spurned a July 1987 Indo-Sri Lankan accord designed to end a war for independence for the island's Tamil minority.

The spokesman offered no motive, however.



Elysees extravaganza

A woman wearing an immense dress holds a child with a bull mask during the zany-Hollywood-style extravaganza down the Champs-Elysees yesterday. Entitled La Marseillaise, the parade crowns festivities marking the 200th anniversary of the French Revolution. (Reuters wirephoto)

US probe on HUD scandal

WASHINGTON, July 15, (AP): A top aide to former Housing Secretary Samuel Pierce disputes Pierce's sworn claim that he had no direct role in deciding what projects the scandal-scarred agency funded.

Former Assistant Secretary for Housing Shirley McVay Wiseman also says Carla Hills, currently the US trade representative, lobbied Pierce to lift restrictions on a mortgage lender now under federal criminal investigation.

Hills is scheduled to testify before the committee on Monday.

Wiseman said in a sworn testimony yesterday that Pierce personally called her and instructed her to approve more than \$15 million for a Durham, North Carolina, project sought by a former Pierce law partner.

Pierce said: "I want the project funded." Wiseman told the House government operations subcommittee on employment and housing, one of three congressional panels investigating mismanagement and fraud at the Federal Department of Housing and Urban Development, or HUD.

HUD's approval of that

project brought more than \$11.3 million in rent subsidies, a \$2.3-million grant and more than \$3 million in tax credits to developers who were seeking to turn a hosiery mill into an apartment complex, said congressman Tom Lantos, chairman of the subcommittee.

Meanwhile, HUD filed suit in Fort Worth, Texas, yesterday seeking to recover more than \$2.5 million that a Texas woman is accused of bilking from the agency and spending on real estate, cars and guns. The woman is one of 10 closing agents nationwide the agency believes defrauded HUD of about \$10 million.

Pierce was in charge of the agency, which provides housing to poor people and the elderly, during former President Ronald Reagan's administration. Congressional investigators are probing allegations of favouritism and influence-peddling in the agency during Pierce's tenure.

Pierce has testified he set up a three-person panel to make funding decisions for the agency's moderate housing rehabilitation programme, but he maintained "final authority" over the decisions.

5 plead guilty in US fraud probe

ALEXANDRIA, Virginia, July 15, (AP): A retired Navy engineer admitted yesterday to taking \$475,000 in bribes from two defence contractors as he and four other people pleaded guilty in the widening procurement fraud probe.

Garland L. Tomlin Jr., 59, admitted taking \$400,000 from Sperry Corp. and \$75,000 from Honeywell Inc. in exchange for confidential bid information about a multimillion-dollar contract to maintain the electronic components of Navy weapons.

The money was paid between 1982 and 1984 into a bank account that Tomlin kept in the Bahamas in the name of a dummy corporation he set up to receive the funds. Tomlin later transferred \$400,000 to a Swiss bank, according to court papers filed in US District Court.

Another former Navy engineer, Jerry L. Manning, 52, pleaded guilty to a bribery con-

spiracy charge, admitting that he gave a defence consultant bid information about a \$20 million Navy electronics contract.

In addition, two defence consultants and a former marketing manager for Unisys Corp., the successor to Sperry Corp., pleaded guilty to separate charges relating to a scheme to conceal illegal campaign contributions to several congressmen, including Rep. Les Aspin, chairman of the House armed services committee.

There was no indication that Aspin or any of the other congressmen who received donations knew the contributions were illegally funnelled to them by Sperry through defence consultants.

The FBI said yesterday it is conducting a preliminary investigation of alleged financial fraud at a US Energy Department plant in Ohio that makes materials for nuclear weapons.

French bash to end with fireworks

PARIS, July 15, (AP): The French Revolution bicentennial bash peaked with a parade that mixed humour, special effects and a single serious note — a tribute to the Chinese students whose pro-democracy movement was violently suppressed.

The celebrations were coming to a close tonight at the Eiffel Tower with what is being billed as France's biggest ever fireworks display.

French newspapers today hailed the parade on last night with adjectives like "colossal." An American college marching band danced the "moonwalk", backwards down the Champs-Elysees. British firefighters sprayed spectators and a Russian bear skated piroettes on ice in an offbeat display of pomp and wit.

Perhaps the most moving moment came early in the parade as hundreds of Chinese students — from Paris, Hong Kong and the United States — wheeled their bicycles from the Arc de Triomphe down to the Place de la Concorde. They rang the handlebar bells and flashed peace signs.

They wore headbands bearing the Chinese characters signifying "liberty, equality, fraternity" — the rallying cry of the French Revolution, which began July 14, 1789, with the storming of the Bastille prison.

Tribute

The parade's conclusion featured the 250 musicians of the Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University marching band, who writhed and wailed in a tribute to US rhythm-and-blues musician James Brown.

The much-anticipated parade, entitled "The Marseillaise" and featuring more than 10,000 musicians, turned the famed Champs-Elysees into an enchanted stage for more than three hours. Many people had camped out there since early afternoon to secure a spot.

Scottish bagpipers marching in the rain shared the limelight with British ponies painted to resemble zebras, a human pyramid formed by undulating Senegalese dancers in native costume and Soviet tanks spewing confetti-snow as they recreated the Siberian winter.

The \$15-million extravaganza was billed as "a slightly frivolous opera-ballet."

Halfway through the programme, the crowd drew its collective breath as American Diva Jessie Norman emerged from behind a curtain of rain, regally draped in a flowing Tricolour gown — to sing the rousing verses of the Marseillaise.

Besides the lively and sometimes impatient crowd lining the Champs-Elysees, perched on trees and in building windows, the parade was broadcast to millions of viewers in France, Europe and the United States.

Stealth endorsed

WASHINGTON, July 15, (AP): The Senate armed services committee gave a strong endorsement yesterday to production of the B-2 Stealth bomber and approved Defence Secretary Dick Cheney's proposal to end production of the F-14D fighter jet.

But the committee, in its \$305-billion fiscal 1990 defence bill, voted to keep alive the controversial V-22 Osprey tilt-rotor aircraft, inviting Cheney to change his mind about cancelling the programme.

Committee chairman Sam Nunn and Sen. John Warner, the senior Republican on the panel, said the final bill was approved unanimously.

At a news conference, Nunn and Warner expressed strong support for the B-2 programme. But Nunn said he had "sticker shock" from the high cost of producing the bomber.

The plane designed to evade Soviet radar has yet to fly, but the first test could come as soon as today. The plane has been undergoing runway testing this week in Palmdale, California.



A dwarf who calls himself Little T is swung by a harness as he is tossed on a pile of mattresses by a patron of the Carnival Nightclub in Grand Rapids, Michigan, Wednesday. (Reuter wirephoto)

Barroom contests 'cruel'

Dwarf tossing ban sought

ALBANY, New York, July 15, (AP): Two New York state lawmakers hope to win a ban on dwarf tossing and dwarf bowling, saying the barroom contests are demeaning and dangerous.

"It's just unbelievable that in this type of society, we're going to start throwing people around," state sen. Nicholas Spano said Thursday.

"There are enough prejudices out there against people who are different than others physically," Spano said. "We are going to play to those types of prejudices if we allow this to happen."

In Grand Rapids, Michigan, meanwhile, a nightclub is facing state penalties for violating a restricted entertainment permit by holding a dwarf tossing contest, in which patrons competed to see how far they could throw a person.

The state liquor control commission said Thursday it also cited the nightclub carnival for two unrelated liquor violations. The bar could be fined up to \$300 per violation and faces possible suspension or revocation of its liquor license, although revocation is unlikely, said Rodolfo Polak, a duty officer with the commission's enforcement division.

Club manager Scott Yokoun, who was aware that commission investigators were present that night, said his attorney does not believe he violated his entertainment permit.

The contest drew more than 300 spectators as well as 50 demonstrators, many of them disabled, who said the event was demeaning and cruel.

State representative Richard Bandstra has said he will introduce legislation later this year banning the event in Michigan.

PEOPLE AND PLACES

AMSTERDAM: A Dutch genetic engineering firm said yesterday that it hoped to produce a new breed of cow capable of duplicating human mother's milk.

"There is an increasing interest in mother's milk because people think there's nothing to match it," business manager Otto Postma of Genpharm Europe BV said.

He said mother's milk contained a protein vital for developing a baby's immune system.

"We cannot guarantee that it will work but if we don't run into major obstacles, we could have the first cows of this type by 1992," Postma said. (Reuter)

STOCKHOLM, Sweden: Lisa Malmkjell survived a lightning bolt which melted her riding helmet and jewelry and instantly killed the horse underneath her, newspapers reported yesterday.

"I was just going to jump a hedge when it happened," the 15-year-old rider told the Aftonbladet daily. "I just heard a bang and then I don't remember anything more."

Lisa's mother Eva, who witnessed the accident Sunday near the town of Arja, said, "suddenly I saw the lightning and then both Lisa and (her horse) Småne fell to the ground."

"When I got to them, Lisa's face was blue and one eye just stared. I thought she was dead."

The lightning evidently struck the helmet and coursed through the rain-soaked clothes into the saddle, where it melted the metal clasps, Aftonbladet said.

Lisa's necklace and earrings and even her underwear burned into her skin, the paper reported. (AP)

THE HAGUE, Netherlands: Stas Getz, Herbie Hancock, an eight-year-old vocalist and a man billed as the world's first bagpipe jazz artist are among the players at this year's North Sea Jazz Festival, which opened yesterday.

Concerts were to run simultaneously in as many as 13 halls during the three-day festival. Also on the bill were percussionist and band leader Art Blakey, trumpeters Dizzy Gillespie and Miles Davis and pianist Oscar Peterson.

Organisers say they are expecting up to 50,000 visitors to watch the more than 150 bands and dozens of soloists appearing at the sprawling Congressgebouw complex at The Hague.

A novelty at this year's festival will be a day-long family programme dubbed "Gigs For Kids," which includes bagpipe artist Rufus Harley and eight-year-old Skat singer Emily Haddad of Chicago, billed as a "Miniature Ella Fitzgerald."

DARWIN, Australia: A former Vietnamese refugee survived 21 days at sea in an 18-foot (5.4 metre) dinghy before being washed ashore on the island of west Timor, Australian Associated Press reported today.

Thep Van Tran, 37, a resident of Darwin, drifted 450 miles (724 kilometres) across the Timor Sea from the Perron Islands, southwest of Darwin, to the remote Timorese Island of Soe after the motor on his dinghy broke down late last month.

He was found by fishermen off the village of Kolbana, about 450 miles (724 kilometres) northwest of Darwin on Tuesday, AAP reported.

Tran reportedly was on a fishing trip when the motor of his dinghy failed.

Tran has been detained by officials on west Timor, but no reason has been given for the detention, AAP said.

Stuart Leith, a lecturer in maritime studies at Darwin University, told reporters he was not surprised Tran had survived.

He said Tran, who left Vietnam as a boat person 10 years ago, was a student in his maritime studies course, which concentrated on survival techniques.

He had been taught not to consume water on the first day of any emergency and to ration his supply to one litre a day until found.

Leith said he was confident his student would have followed his practice. (AP)

Jet-lag cure?

Quick fix

HELSINKI, July 15, (Reuter): British scientists are testing a new jet-lag treatment which helps the body's internal clock adjust to travel across time zones, a top physiologist said yesterday.

Josephine Arendt of the University of Surrey told a symposium between San Francisco and London said jet-lag symptoms were reduced by doses of a chemically-produced copy of a substance called melatonin that the body produces naturally.

Arendt said melatonin can regulate, forwards or backwards, the body clock that determines when people want to sleep.

STOCKHOLM: A Swedish government committee yesterday urged banning the sale of toy guns which look like real weapons.

"When it comes to the subjective experience of bank or post office cashiers, it makes little difference whether the gun pointed at her is a real one or something that looks like a real gun," said criminologist Leif Persson who headed the government-appointed probe into Sweden's weapon laws.

He said he was not proposing banning toy cowboy guns, water pistols and space weapons.

"The aim is to ban articles that so resemble a weapon they might be used in a robbery or other crime," he said.

The committee also proposed making it illegal to carry knives in public except for work or outdoor pursuits and an import ban on street weapons such as knuckle dusters and darts. (Reuter)

ROME: Police yesterday displayed about 40 pieces of stolen artwork, some as old as five centuries, that they had recovered in recent months.

Three people were detained and 16 charged as a result of the seizure of the goods. But some owners of artworks did not know they were stolen, and so were not punished, police said.

The artwork protection branch of the Carabinieri police showed off about 30 paintings, three triptychs, a wooden statue of a Madonna and Child, ancient sheet music and Codices. One painting was found in Spain and the other works were recovered in a variety of investigations in northern and central Italy.

All together, the works are worth more than 2.5 billion lire (\$2 million). Among the most interesting items rescued are a 15th century wooden triptych of the Florentine School and a wooden crucifix of the same period, valued at 500 million lire (about \$400,000) apiece. (AP)

HELSINKI, Finland: A 39-year-old heart transplant patient died after hospital officials refused to let her talk to a heart specialist when she complained of an infected toenail, a newspaper reported yesterday.

Aino Lehtimäki who had undergone two heart operations in the last nine months, was turned away from Helsinki University Central Hospital and told to go to a nearby health clinic to have her toe treated.

She had asked to see a heart specialist because any infection could be dangerous for a transplant recipient, the Helsinki Sanomat reported.

Ms Lehtimäki suffered an apparent heart attack after her toenail was removed, the paper said. (AP)

Ex-law student suspected in 48 deaths

Police sort evidence in Green River case

SEATTLE, July 15, (AP): Police are sorting through hundreds of videotapes and a truckload of other evidence seized from a former law student suspected in the 48 Green River slayings, the nation's worst serial murder case.

Some of the 1,800 videotapes apparently were homemade, but investigators would not comment yesterday on what they depicted. The 55 cartons and bags of confiscated materials included police uniforms, more than two dozen firearms and about 100 police badges.

The items were taken Wednesday from two Spokane residences used by William Jay Stevens II, Stevens, 38, has not been charged in series of deaths from 1982-85 that came to be known as the Green River slayings.

Forty women are known dead and police have blamed their killer for the disappearances of eight other women, who are presumed dead.

The case takes its name from the river south of Seattle where the first five victims' bodies were found in 1982. Many of the victims, ranging in age from 15 to 36, were prostitutes in the Seattle or Portland, Oregon, areas of the northwest United States.

In addition to those deaths, the affidavit supporting a search warrant of Stevens' residences said he may be linked to at least 17 other murder victims whose bodies were found along highways between Portland and Vancouver, British Columbia, and from Seattle to Spokane.

"Whether or not this person is simply the victim of a bizarre set of circumstances or in fact responsible for some of the crimes in King County we don't know yet, and that's exactly what we're trying to determine by going through the material we recovered with the warrant," Green River task force commander Robert C. Evans said yesterday.

Stevens denied any involvement in the killings, said his attorney, Craig Beles. Stevens is in the King County jail serving a one-year term for a 1979 burglary of a

police equipment supply store and additional time for escape. Police say Stevens walked away from a Seattle work release centre in 1981.

He was rearrested in Spokane on Jan. 10. He was found after "Manhunt," a nationally syndicated television show, aired a programme in December about the Green River killings. One tipster directed investigators to Gonzaga University Law School in Spokane, where Stevens had attended classes for 3-1/2 years and was president of the student bar.

Stevens' father declined to talk with the Associated Press and Stevens had declined jailhouse visit by AP reporters.

Beles, who also was one of Stevens' former law school professors, called any allegations that Stevens may have committed the serial killings "purely ridiculous."

He said his client "is concerned he's being singled out as the answer to a long-time investigation."

Evans acknowledged the King County police task force had found "no smoking

gun," but he said an initial study of 405 documents charting Stevens' movements between 1981 and 1989 showed they sometimes closely paralleled the killings.

Records seized when he was arrested show he travelled extensively between Seattle, Portland, Spokane and Vancouver, British Columbia, under at least four aliases during the period, Evans said.

After his arrest, Spokane authorities found that Stevens possessed several police-type vehicles, including an undercover car equipped with lights, siren, radar and radio.

Stevens had a fully equipped Washington state patrol motorcycle that had been sold as surplus, 26 vehicle licence plates, 29 firearms and about 100 police badges, police said.

One man who knew Stevens said he was told "that Stevens made statements that the Green River victims were killed for snuff films," the affidavit said, referring to pornograph films purportedly showing people being killed.

Judge convicts addicted mother

SANFORD, Florida, July 15, (AP): A judge has convicted a cocaine-addicted mother of delivering drugs to her two children through their umbilical cords at birth.

Rejecting arguments that the law under which she was tried was meant only for criminals engaged in illegal drug deals, circuit judge O.H. Eaton Jr said he viewed the two children born to Jennifer Clarise Johnson as victims.

"These children had no ability to control what was being introduced into their bodies," Eaton said in handing down the ruling Thursday after a non-jury trial. "The defendant had that ability."

The unmarried 23-year-old woman is believed to be the first mother in Florida — and one of only a few in the country — convicted of pushing drugs to their children under a criminal drug-dealing statute.

Probation

Ms Johnson faces a 30-year prison sentence, but prosecutor Jeff Deen said he would recommend that she complete a drug rehabilitation programme she is undergoing and then serve "a lengthy probation period."

In his ruling, the judge made two key determinations:

— That the illegal substance travelled from Ms Johnson's body into the babies at birth, but before their umbilical cords were severed.

— And that "a child who is born but whose umbilical cord has not been severed a person," within the Florida law under which she was tried.

The defence had argued that a newborn is not a person until the cord is severed and that Ms Johnson could not be tried under the law that makes it a felony for someone to "deliver" drugs to a minor.

Ms Johnson was acquitted of one count of child abuse. Other mothers giving birth to so-called cocaine babies have been successfully prosecuted under that law, which carries a maximum of five years in prison.

The defendant, who sat impassively during the trial, refused comment. Her attorney, Jim Sweeting, said he would appeal.

Sweeting, representatives of the American Civil Liberties Union and a doctor who testified on the defendant's behalf had argued that a guilty verdict encourages pregnant addicts to avoid prenatal care and give birth to their babies outside hospitals because they would fear imprisonment.

Responsibility

"I think what we found today is that having a baby is a crime for pregnant addicts," Sweeting said.

The judge said he believed the opposite to be true — that pregnant addicts are now placed on notice that they have a responsibility to seek treatment.

The children, a boy born in 1987 and a girl born in January, are being cared for by Ms Johnson's mother and an aunt. Doctors said they appear to be healthy.



Root clings to an inflatable raft dropped by rescuers after his plane crashed into the Atlantic Ocean on Thursday. (Reuter wirephoto)



Geer, Root's brother-in-law speaks to the press. (Reuter wirephoto)

Suspicion and intrigue cloud flier's story

Pilot shot before crash

MIAMI, July 15, (Agencies): The pilot who crashed out in a small plane that flew 800 miles (1,290 km) before crashing into the ocean had been shot in the stomach, police said yesterday.

His family theorized a pistol in the glove box went off when the plane hit the sea.

But the New York Times reported today that one doctor who treated Root said the shooting probably occurred two to four hours before the plane crashed Thursday.

Thomas Root, 36, of Alexandria, Virginia, across the Potomac River from Washington, DC, was in stable condition, at Memorial Hospital in Hollywood, Florida, yesterday, one day after rescuers pulled him from the Atlantic Ocean, 14 miles (20 km) east of the Eleuthera Islands, or 110 miles (175 km) east of Nassau in the Bahamas.

Root was on a business trip from Washington, DC, National Airport to Rocky Mount, North Carolina, when he lost consciousness because of what was believed to be a carbon monoxide leak at about 10,000 feet (3,000 m), 17 miles (25 km) from his destination, officials said.

Hollywood, Florida, Police Chief Richard Witt told a news conference yesterday police were notified late Thursday that Root had been shot.

A doctor called and said there was a powder burn and gunshot wound 2 inches (5 cm) above the belly button, Witt said. "It (the bullet) exited under the lower left ribs and entered the left arm and then exited through the arm."

Brett Geer, Root's brother-in-law, told reporters at Memorial Hospital that Root was lucid and talking with relatives and that he denied the wound was self-inflicted.

Geer said Root had a .32-calibre pistol in a glove box in the plane when he left Washington National Airport alone. Geer theorized that the pistol discharged when the plane slammed into the sea.

"The only thing that we can figure out is that somehow that (the shooting) happened on impact when the plane crashed," Geer said.

"It's an odd story all right," he said, after visiting Root at the hospital. "With this wound and him not being able to recall how he got it, I'm sure there is reason for an investigation."

"There's always a possibility of self-infliction, but there's always a possibility that the gunshot wound may have happened before Mr Root entered the airplane," Witt said. "That seems to be contradicted by the fact that we are all told that he reported chest pains just prior to blacking out."

Geer said Root, who also was visited at the hospital by his father and wife, Kathy Root, 35, was a gun enthusiast and owned about 20 guns. American television, NBC News, reported yesterday that Virginia State Police raided Root's locker at a suburban Washington airfield 10 weeks ago, acting on a tip, and "found a small arsenal of weapons — an unregistered machine gun, a stun gun and several handguns."

The Washington Post reported today that at the hangar police also found five gallons of ether, expensive communication and navigation equipment and chemical light sticks that can be used by pilots as a backup lighting system, or by drug traffickers to illuminate items dropped from a plane.

The Times reported today that Root said the ether was for cleaning his plane.

"But of course that's not what you use to clean an aircraft with unless you're going to blow it up," said a US Customs official, speaking on condition of anonymity.

Either is also used to process cocaine.

In North Carolina, Secretary of State Rufus Edmisten said his office has been investigating security fraud allegations against a company for which Root acted as an attorney. Edmisten said there are allegations that the company, Sonnie Management Services, was set up in a way that allowed it to avoid securities laws. Edmisten said the lawyer knew he was under investigation.

ABC news reported yesterday that federal authorities had placed Root on a watch list of

suspected drug smugglers after making several "suspicious" trips to the Caribbean.

Andrew Alston, a National Transportation Safety Board spokesman in Hollywood, said Bahamian authorities requested the National Transportation Safety Board to handle the investigation. The Federal Aviation Administration, the Federal Bureau of Investigation and authorities in Virginia also are involved in the probe.

The FBI moved into the case because of the reported gunshot wound, spokesman Paul Miller said.

Other US investigators worked to gather information on Root ranging from his financial situation to his psychological condition, his physical fitness, his flying ability and his gun collection, the NTSB investigator said.

With Root under sedation and his single-engine Cessna believed to be at the bottom of Bahamian waters more than a mile (1.6 kilometres) deep, authorities turned their attention to "multiple phone calls" from people in several states making "various allegations that have not been confirmed," said Alston.

He declined to give details, but said they came from private citizens and government agencies on topics that included Root's finances and his pilot ability.

"There are many questions I'll be asking," said Alston, adding that authorities will allow Root to rest until today before interviewing him.

Root's wife planned to visit her husband yesterday. On Thursday, she said she told hospital officials to send her husband the message: "Root, you really did it this time."

Lab tests will be conducted on tissue taken from the powder burn area and on a tiny piece of metal found near the wound to confirm it was caused by a gunshot.

"It is unknown what that metal is. It is a very very small fragment," Alston said. "It is no bullet snuff you could identify."

He also said at least one witness at the airport saw Root board the plane alone.

'Mother will come back for me,' abandoned Christina says

ST JOHN'S, Newfoundland, July 15, (UPI): Police now believe a disabled teenage girl found at a cathedral last week was left by her mother and may be from England.

Royal Newfoundland Constabulary Superintendent Leonard Power said the girl, who identified herself as Christina, told investigators her mother will be coming back for her.

"Obviously it's a very unusual situation," Power said. "I've never experienced

anything like this."

Christina has degenerative cerebral palsy and has been communicating with speech experts via a type of sign language, Power said.

Christina, an intelligent girl who said she attended school until June of this year, is reluctant to give specific details about her background, Power said.

Christina said she lives in the countryside but won't pinpoint the area, Power said.

She doesn't appear to be overly dis-

She said her mother is a Yugoslavian woman named Olga, and the pair came to Newfoundland on a boat with a nanny and three men she didn't know, Power said.

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She told investigators her mother's last name is Yaiso, but she later retracted the claim, Power said.

Investigators are not ruling out the possibility that the girl is either from the area or somewhere else in North America, Power said.

Christina appears to have been well taken care of and was healthy and clean when found, Power said.

NEWS IN BRIEF

New term

WASHINGTON, July 15, (AP): Mayor Marion Barry Jr., whose administration has been dogged by scandal, will run for a fourth term and does not expect former presidential candidate Jesse Jackson to oppose him, a spokesman said yesterday.

Barry's decision to seek a new term comes after months of speculation about his plans, particularly in view of a string of high-level resignations, the conviction of several former aides on criminal charges and the mayor's friendship with a man convicted on drug charges in the Virgin Islands who is awaiting trial on additional charges in Washington.

Spy trial

SAVANNAH, Georgia, July 15, (UPI): Federal prosecutors conferred with witnesses yesterday in preparation for the spy trial of a Turkish national charged with conspiring to sell US military secrets to foreign agents.

Huseyin Yildirim, 60, is scheduled to be tried in US district court for allegedly conspiring with a US Army intelligence specialist to sell classified military information to East German and Soviet agents.

Missionary killed

NAIROBI, Kenya, July 15, (AP): An American nun was shot and killed and another was wounded by unidentified gunmen at their mission near Kenya's coast, a religious official confirmed yesterday.

Sister Agnes Reinkemeyer of the Franciscan Sisters of Mary was shot and killed Wednesday night at the order's mission at Wema near the Indian Ocean town of Malindi, according to Father Joe at the Garissa Diocese in eastern Kenya. The assailants also shot her colleague, sister Evelyn Marie Peterman, in the leg, said Father Joe. Sister Evelyn Marie, also American, was taken to a hospital in Malindi for treatment and has returned to the Wema mission, he said.

Jetfighter crashes

BRUSSELS, July 15, (UPI): A two-seater F-16 Belgian Air Force jetfighter crashed yesterday near the town of St Hilaire.

The two pilots bailed out before the aircraft crashed 200 yards (m) from a house. There were no injuries. Experts were sent to the crash site to investigate the cause of the mishap.

It was the 28th crash of an F-16 in Belgium in a decade.

The incident occurred 10 days after a Soviet MIG-23 crashed into a house in western Belgium, killing an 18-year-old man. The pilot bailed out earlier over Poland and escaped injury.

Coalition renewed

LUXEMBOURG, July 15, (AP): Luxembourg's Christian Democrats and Socialists agreed on renewing their coalition government which was sworn in by Grand Duke Jean yesterday.

The two leading parties, which ruled together over the past five years, although losing each three seats in the June 18 parliament elections, kept a 40-seat majority in the 60-seat parliament.

Christian Democratic Jacques Santer will stay as prime minister while Socialist Jacques Poos will stay as deputy premier and foreign minister.

Editor dies

MOSCOW, July 15, (AP): Lev N. Tolstunov, twice editor of the Soviet government newspaper Izvestia and a member of the Communist Party central committee, died at age 70, the official Soviet news agency Tass reported yesterday.

After holding senior posts in the central committee, Tolstunov became editor of Izvestia in 1965, was appointed chairman of the semi-official Novosti Press Agency 1976-83, then was restored to the more prestigious Izvestia post for a year.

Charges dismissed

MIAMI, July 15, (AP): A federal judge has dismissed neutrality act charges against six men accused of aiding the Nicaraguan rebels, saying the US government itself was conducting a secret war against Nicaragua at the time.

US district judge Norman Roetter, in Fort Lauderdale, issued the strongly worded order six months after hearings featuring testimony by former government intelligence officers and rebel leader Adolfo Calero, whose brother, Mario, was one of the defendants.

Submarines

STOCKHOLM, Sweden, July 15, (AP): A Soviet officer was quoted today as saying his country would remove all Golf II submarines from the Baltic Sea early next year.

General staff officer Alexander Rudenko said in an interview with the Dagens Nyheter daily the Soviet Union also would state clearly whether its warships were carrying nuclear weapons if they were invited to visit a Swedish port.

Briton set to balloon over Everest

LONDON, July 15, (Reuters): British Mount Everest veteran Chris Bonington is set to attempt the first flight over the summit of the world's highest mountain in a hot air balloon.

Bonington, 54, who climbed to the top of Everest four years ago, hopes to soar over the 29,028-foot (8,848 metre) Himalayan giant in September with Swedish balloonist Per Lindstrand.

"We have a good chance of landing on target north of Everest on the Tibetan plateau, but something could go wrong and we might be forced down above the snow line in the narrow Himalayan valleys," he told Reuters. "That's where I

come in."

In the event of a mishap on the frozen Himalayan slopes Bonington's mountaineering skills will be called upon to guide his companion to safety.

Bonington, who has had no previous ballooning experience, will be relying on Lindstrand's skills to steer them over the towering Himalayan peaks.

An attempt by Lindstrand, 40, and millionaire pop music tycoon Richard Branson to cross the Atlantic in a balloon in 1987 ended when it ditched in the Irish Sea.

After a week's acclimatisation in the Nepalese Himalayas to about 19,000 feet

(5,750 metres), the team will take off at dawn some 20 miles (32 kilometres) from Everest and make a quick dash for the relatively safe winds of the jetstream which blow above 24,000 feet (7,270 metres).

The duo must make it across the summit of Everest at a dizzying height of at least 35,000 feet (10,600 metres).

During the expected two-and-a-half-hour flight they will have to endure temperatures of minus 50 degrees Fahrenheit (minus 45 Celsius), which Bonington said he had experienced on his climbing expeditions.

"The vast difference is that on a mountain you are moving all the time and gen-

erating heat," he said. "But at that height the sun should generate considerable radiation."

"The 40,000 pound sterling (\$70,000), 90-foot (27 metre) balloon will carry eight propane gas cylinders with enough fuel for a six-and-a-half-hour flight, just in case."

The balloonists will be in high-frequency radio contact with a pick-up team on the Chinese side and with an American meteorologist in Boston. "We'll get better information from him on conditions in the jetstream than from a local source," Bonington said.

The next tense moment will be the land-



Bonington, seen during a recent climb, is set to soar over the summit of Mount Everest in a hot air balloon. (Reuters wirephoto)



Jewish protestors

WARSAW, July 15, (Reuters): Poland's government newspaper today accused New York Jews who staged a protest against a Roman Catholic convent at the former Nazi death camp at Auschwitz of making a terrifying attack on Polish nuns.

The seven Jews led by Rabbi Abraham Weiss of Riverdale, New York, were guilty of "organised provocation," Rzeczpospolita said. "How harmful religious fanaticism can be seems to be evidenced by this unusual incident," it added. The newspaper did not report that the Jews were attacked and dragged away by Polish workmen as Polish police, priests and residents looked on.

Instead, it called the American Jews the aggressors. "The attackers demanded with specially-prepared placards and hostile shouts that the Carmelite nuns leave the convent," it said.

Picture shows Weiss being dragged away while policemen and others watch. (Reuters wirephoto)

Mandela asks to see leaders

Activist meeting sought

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa, July 15, (AP): Jailed black leader Nelson Mandela wants permission to meet a wide range of anti-apartheid activists to co-ordinate strategies, a newspaper reported yesterday.

The anti-apartheid Weekly Mail said Mandela hopes to see several black trade union leaders when he meets with his family on his 71st birthday Tuesday.

Without citing sources, the Weekly Mail said Mandela has drawn up a list of up to 150 people he would like to see at Victor Verster Prison outside Cape Town, where he lives alone in a suburban-style house.

Mandela met July 5 with President P.W. Botha, fuelling speculation that he may soon be released and that the government is seeking new means to break the country's political stalemate.

"The need (to meet with opposition leaders) has become pressing," the Weekly Mail said, adding that some anti-apartheid groups fear Mandela's isolation makes unified political action difficult.

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Walesa seeks early polls

WARSAW, July 15, (AP): Solidarity leader Lech Walesa announced yesterday that he would support any candidate from the Communist Party coalition for the post of President and urged that elections be held immediately.

Meanwhile, the communist-allied Peasant Party urged its 76 parliament deputies to vote for Gen. Wojciech Jaruzelski after a meeting of the party leadership in Warsaw.

"I state that I will co-operate with any President elected ... no matter if it is Gen. ... Jaruzelski, Gen. Czeslaw Kiszczak or some other representative of the coalition, in order to solve Polish problems," Walesa said in a statement released by an aide.

Jaruzelski, first secretary of the Communist Party, announced June 30 he would not run for President, saying he was too closely linked with the martial law that he imposed in 1981 to crush Solidarity. The independent trade union movement was later outlawed, but its legitimacy was restored this year.

Jaruzelski recommended Kiszczak, the Interior Minister, but the Communist Party leadership asked him to reconsider.

In recent days, especially after appearing frequently with US President George Bush during his three-day visit, Jaruzelski has emerged again as a likely candidate.

And Walesa said for the first time in his statement that Poland's internal and international situation requires the President come from the communist coalition.

"The election of the President should be held immediately. ... Our country faces a great chance, but at the same time we have a constitutional crisis connected with a delay in filling the president's office. Extension of this situation causes additional dangers," Walesa said.

Mikolaj Kozakiewicz, speaker of the Sejm — one of the houses of the national assembly — said on Thursday he wants to hold the joint vote of the Sejm and the newly elected Senate to select the President as soon as possible, preferably by July 22, Poland's National Day.

Kozakiewicz said in an interview that Bush's visit had eased controversy surrounding Jaruzelski's candidacy.

But Solidarity members of the national assembly, many of whom were jailed during martial law, have said they will not vote for Jaruzelski.

The Solidarity members have said they would take a stand on the presidency just prior to the vote. In the statement, Walesa, who is not in the national assembly, does not instruct union-backed members how to vote.

Unusual

A post-mortem yesterday showed a priest who died in unusual circumstances suffered a fractured rib and sternum and had a high level of alcohol in his blood, but did not determine the cause of death, the state news agency said.

The Rev. Sylwester Zych, the third Polish priest to die in unusual circumstances in the last six months, was found at a bus stop in the Baltic resort of Krynica Morska early on Wednesday.

lane near his home in Sussex, 50 miles (80 kilometres) south of the capital.

A single bell tolled as the heavy oak coffin was lifted from the hearse. His widow, actress Joan Plowright, turned away briefly and wiped tears from her eyes as she stood silently with his four children and friends.

Acknowledging tributes from around the world, Lady Olivier said on Thursday that a "huge wave of love" had engulfed the actor's family since his death earlier this week.

Lord Olivier, hailed as Britain's greatest classical actor of modern times, died on Tuesday aged 82.

Olivier's body was cremated and a memorial service will be held at a later date in London, with Westminster Abbey and St Paul's Cathedral closed as possible venues.

His extraordinary life and achievements will be celebrated in a manner befitting a great man of his time in the near future and all will be welcome," Lady Olivier said.

The funeral of Lord Olivier, who died Tuesday at age 82, was a small, private service. About 60 mourners gathered in the 12th century St James' Church beside a quiet country

FBI seizes radar parts

Suspected IRA men detained

BOSTON, July 15, (AP): The FBI said the four people charged this week with developing rockets for the provisional Irish Republican Army represent the group's "main cogs" in efforts to build sophisticated new weapons.

Agents arrested three of the suspected terrorist technical experts on Wednesday, and later seized radar and missile parts during raids in Massachusetts, New Hampshire and Pennsylvania, the FBI said yesterday. "An arrest warrant was issued for a fourth person, whom the FBI believes has gone into hiding in Ireland."

Among the items confiscated in raids on two apartments, were 6-foot (1.8 metre) long missile launching tubes and a videotape showing one of the suspects firing a rocket, the FBI said.



Duke's doll

The Duke of York holds an 'Anne of Green Gables' doll as the Duchess of York pulls one of its pigtails after they were presented it outside City Hall in Charlottetown on Friday. (Reuters wirephoto)

'Secret' service Double shuffle

WASHINGTON, July 15, (AP): Several uniformed secret service officers at the White House are under investigation for alleged security violations and theft, and at least two have been transferred to new jobs, the Washington Times said yesterday.

The Secret Service Uniformed Division protects the president's residences, offices and foreign embassies in Washington.

The investigation is related to US Attorney Jay Stephens' probe of possible credit card fraud involving a homosexual prostitution ring that was broken up last February.

Lobbyist Craig J. Spence, one of the men The Times said used the male escort service, arranged late-night tours of the White House with assistance from a secret service officer, Reginald A. Deguelre.

Deguelre has been transferred to embassy foot patrol, and a second uniformed officer who worked the midnight shift at the White House with Deguelre has been reassigned to the division chief handling street patrols, the newspaper said.

Unidentified secret service officers who were interviewed by The Times said they expect more transfers as a result of the probe.

"You can expect a number of others ... on the hot seat," one secret service official familiar with the security probe was quoted as saying.

Allan Cramer, a secret service spokesman said yesterday he had no comment on the story in The Times. Asked if security had been tightened, Cramer said, "Not that I'm aware of."

Deguelre told the Associated Press earlier he arranged a late night White House tour for Spence and some friends on July 3, 1988. But The Times said the officer was involved in arranging at least four White House tours for Spence, including one that involved two male prostitutes.

Meantime, Rose Zamaria, a White House official, said there has been no change in policy regarding late night tours of the building since a memorandum was issued in mid-June.

Under President George Bush, White House staff members can bring guests on private tours of the West Wing on Monday, Wednesday and Friday between 7 pm and 10 pm, after 1 pm on Saturday and all day on Sunday.

Soviet lawmen grill KGB leader

MOSCOW, July 15, (AP): Soviet lawmen who have spent most of their lives fearing the KGB yesterday gave its top official what he called the toughest grilling of his life, then voted to let him keep his job.

It was the first time a KGB chief has had to justify in public the actions of the secret intelligence agency, blamed for killing millions during the reign of Josef Stalin. Political reform gave the legislature the power to reject cabinet-level appointees.

Aggressive deputies in the Supreme Soviet peppered KGB chief Vladimir Kryuchkov with questions about informers, dossiers and dissidents.

But after the questioning — which Kryuchkov described later to Tass as the most difficult examination of his life — only six members of the 542-member Supreme Soviet voted against his confirmation. Twenty-six deputies, largely from the Baltic Republic of Estonia, abstained from voting on the man who has been KGB chairman since last year and was deputy chairman for 10 years before that.

Laughter from the hall greeted Kryuchkov's claim that the KGB does not bug the telephones of Soviet citizens. Maverick communist Boris Yeltsin told Western reporters during a break from the session that he did not believe the KGB chief's claims.

Kryuchkov said the KGB, which performs both domestic and foreign security functions, "strictly follows Soviet laws" and has only a few "helpers" who inform on their neighbours and colleagues. He said 30 Western spies have been captured in the last three years.

Yeltsin responded in a speech, saying that in reality "an Army of many thousands constantly informs on what is happening in each work collective."

Yeltsin said KGB agents within every Soviet institution do great moral damage with their snooping. Yet during the 10 years he spent as communist party chief in the city of Sverdlovsk, Yeltsin said: "They never caught a single spy."

The balding, spectacled secret policeman responded to the written questions submitted for his reply at rapid-fire speed and with a sophistication that provided few real answers. He read the questions himself, removing their emotional sting.

Despite repeated inquiries, Kryuchkov refused to reveal the KGB's budget, but said it would be published soon.

"You will be surprised when you see it," he said.

He also declined to reveal the number of KGB employees but did say its border guard contingent alone numbers 200,000.

Kryuchkov also said that the KGB maintains dossiers only on dissidents who pose a real threat to the state.

Kryuchkov said after the session that the KGB "is not an ideal organisation," but defended its goals as humane and emphasised its crime-fighting role.

President Mikhail Gorbachev chaired the session and tried to cut off the debate several times, but the deputies refused. He joined the discussion only once, to agree that the new KGB building in the city of Ufa was much too grandiose. Gorbachev said that when he saw the imposing edifice, he suggested that the local KGB move back to its old quarters.

Kryuchkov later said that the KGB — the Russian-language initials for the committee for state security — would not give up all its secrets.

Policeman killed

JOHANNESBURG, July 15, (Reuters): A group of South African blacks attacked three off-duty black policemen shooting one dead and wounding a second, police said today.

The incident, last night, occurred in the squalid township of Alexandra, which adjoins the lush white suburbs of northern Johannesburg and was a centre of unrest during nation-wide violence in 1984-86.

US Star Wars test

WASHINGTON, July 15, (AP): The Defence Department confirmed yesterday that a key Star Wars experiment had been conducted earlier this week to test how a neutral particle beam accelerator would work in space.

The beam experiment aboard rocket, or bear, has been planned for more than a year and is considered a primary step in research to explore futuristic weapons.

A spokesman for the Strategic Defence Initiative organisation, Army Maj. William O'Connell, said the experiment was conducted early Thursday morning.



Olivier's coffin arrives at the St James' Church at Ashurst, Sussex for his funeral service Friday. (Reuters wirephoto)

Move against US-PLO talks

Amendment to bill in Senate

WASHINGTON, July 15, (AP): Sen. Jesse Helms introduced legislation yesterday that would bar US-PLO talks unless President George Bush certifies none of the PLO participants were involved in a terrorist act involving an American.

Helms, a Republican from North Carolina, said his amendment to a pending State Department authorisation bill was a reaction to published reports that US Ambassador Robert Pelletreau has held talks in Tunisia with Abu Iyad, the PLO's No. 2 official.

Helms identified Iyad as a key member of the Black September terrorist group which murdered a group of athletes at the 1972 Olympic Games in Munich and conducted a number of assassinations and hijackings, including the murder of Cleo Noel, the US Ambassador to Sudan, in 1973.

This amendment poses a simple clear-cut question: Should US officials negotiate with terrorists responsible for the deaths of innocent Americans? Helms asked.

The amendment, which will be debated next week, appears intended at derailing the US-PLO talks begun after PLO chairman Yasser Arafat recognised the right of Israel to exist, a condition set by the United States.

It was not clear what action the Senate might take or whether the amendment stands a chance of becoming law.

William Waldegrave, minister of state at the British Foreign Office, will tour the Middle East to explore the possibility of a British role in efforts to solve the Palestinian problems and the Lebanese civil war, the Abu Dhabi newspaper Al Ittihad reported today.

The government-run newspaper quoted the British official as saying he also would look into what London can do to help advance the Iran-Iraq peace talks launched after a ceasefire halted eight years of war between them on Aug 20, 1988.

Waldegrave did not give dates of the proposed visit, beyond saying it will take place later this year.

He said British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher's government "will not hesitate for a minute to invite PLO leader Yasser Arafat to meet (British) Foreign Secretary Sir Geoffrey Howe when it feels such a meeting will have positive effects on the peace process."

Waldegrave met on Thursday in London with Arafat's advisor, Bassam Abu Sharif, and the PLO official later was granted a 10-minute meeting with Howe. It was the first ever such meeting between Howe and a PLO official.

Masked Palestinians broke today into a West Bank house of an elderly fellow Arab, accused him of collaborating with Israeli authorities and stabbed the man to death, Israeli and Arab reports said.

The Army imposed curfew on the West Bank town of Nablus and on several refugee camps and villages in the Gaza Strip.

Arab hospital officials in Nablus said they treated two wounded teenagers from Nablus, home to about 5,000 Palestinians. One of the youths was reported in serious condition with gunshot wounds to the chest and stomach.

In Tulkarem refugee camp, Israeli soldiers shot and wounded an eight-year-old boy, Nahlan Ziyad. He was shot in the thigh with a plastic bullet, Arab doctors said.

In the nearby town of Qalqilya, a group of masked Palestinians broke early today into the house of 60-year-old Mohammed Yusef Abu Khader, accused him of being a pro-Israeli collaborator and stabbed the man to death, Palestinian journalists and Israeli Radio said.

According to Arab accounts, Abu Khader died of multiple stab wounds to the head and chest on the way to a UN clinic in Qalqilya.

In the Gaza Strip, the Army ordered all male residents of the Beit-Hanoun aged 15 to 50 to gather at a local agricultural school, while the village was placed under curfew, Arab reports said.

Youths who ran away from the village told Arab journalists that soldiers checked the residents' identity cards and arrested at least 50 suspected ringleaders. The military command said it was checking the report.

A Danish woman interrogated in Israel in an alleged murder plot said today she was coerced to sign a confession in a language she did not understand.

Berri calls for weapons

Syrians shell Jounieh

TEHRAN, July 15, (Reuters): Lebanese Muslim militia chief Nabih Berri has urged Syria to supply arms to match Iraqi support for Lebanon's Christian Army commander, the Iranian news agency IRNA reported yesterday.

Berri urged Syria, the main backer of his Amal militia, and other nations to arm Muslim forces in Lebanon until they had military parity with Aoun's troops.

Berri asked Syria last week to supply Amal with Soviet-made Frog-7 missiles. This followed reports that Iraq had sent such missiles, which could hit Damascus if fired from Lebanon's Christian enclave, to Aoun.

Iraq says Aoun, has missiles but there has been no independent confirmation whether Frog-7s have reached the country.

IRNA also quoted Iranian Foreign Minister Ali Akbar Velayati as telling and leaders of the pro-Iranian Hezbollah that Iran would do everything possible to unite Lebanon's Muslims.

Lebanon's state Electricity Authority declared a total power blackout in Beirut and the 310-square-mile (800-square-kilometre) Christian enclave northeast of the city today after it ran out of fuel for its main Zouk generating plant in Christian East Beirut.

The roar and rattle of shells and gunfire echoed across Beirut again today as long-range and close-quarter battles broke out in Lebanon's battered capital.

Syrian gunners and their Muslim allies fired scores of shells and rockets near the Christian ports of Jounieh and Byblos to try to stop ships running their blockade, security sources said.

But the sources said three boats, including a tanker carrying desperately-needed petrol, were approaching Byblos despite

the barrage.

The shelling later spread to the Christian residential areas of Ashrafieh, where four people were wounded, Dikwaneh and Sabtiyeh.

Gunners loyal to Aoun retaliated with salvos of shells on the seafloor area of West Beirut, where the Syrian batteries are sited.

The Sunni Muslim "Voice of the Homeland" radio said one man was wounded in West Beirut as shells landed at the rate of four a minute on the Manara and Ain Mreisseh areas.

In addition to the artillery duels, militiamen fought with rocket-propelled grenades and heavy machine guns across the Green Line dividing Muslim West and Christian East Beirut.

Streets in the capital, where Muslims were celebrating the third day of the feast of Eid Al Adha, quickly emptied.

Seven people have been killed and 22 wounded in artillery duels over the past two days.

Five members of one family died yesterday when a shell hit their car in eastern Lebanon's Bekaa Valley. Aoun's troops pounded the area for the first time in weeks, saying they were trying to hit Syrian gun positions.

Syria, with an estimated 40,000 troops in Lebanon, stepped up its blockade of Christian territory last week and sent warships to try to stop arms shipments from Iraq reaching Aoun.

Syria says its ideological foe has supplied Aoun with Soviet-made Frog-7 missiles, capable of reaching Damascus, and says he must give them up before it accepts a call by Arab League peacemakers to lift the blockade.

Aoun has not confirmed he has Frog missiles.

Fahd determined to ensure security

MAKKAH, July 15, (AP): King Fahd stressed yesterday that Saudi Arabia was determined to ensure security for around two million Muslims from all over the world who make the annual haj pilgrimage to the holy cities of Makkah and Medina.

"This is a matter that does not bear any bargaining or procrastinating. It is subject to no give and take from anyone whoever he may be," the monarch said in a broadcast to the pilgrims.

Two bomb blasts in Makkah on Monday killed a Pakistani pilgrim and injured 16 others but did not disrupt the traditional haj rites.

"With God's blessing, roads have been laid, bridges have been constructed, tunnels have been hewn in Makkah and Medina... guaranteeing the needs of the pilgrims to God's sacred house and the security of the two holy shrines," Fahd said.

The address came as the pilgrims were dispersing and preparing to travel home after the haj climaxed on Thursday with the start of the 3-day Eid Al Adha or feast of sacrifice.

"We have been and still are callers of peace, but we shall not allow anyone to exceed his limits

and exploit our silence, or infringe on our lands or harm our sacred shrines," Fahd said.

The King did not make any accusations connected with the bombings, although there has been suspicion they were staged by Iranian radicals.

Fahd has vowed that he will show "no mercy" to the bomb blast perpetrators whom his Religious Affairs Minister, Abdel-Wahab Abdel-Wasei, described at a ceremony for official delegations as "mercenaries."

A dragnet went into force immediately after the blasts and security sources said some arrests were made.

"We expect the concerned authorities and all citizens of this country to do their best and co-operate in finding the criminals."

"We are not surprised by what happened because there are many sick-minded people. But God willing they will be punished," Fahd said.

At his annual reception yesterday for the leaders of official delegations to the haj, Fahd again underscored the need to expand facilities at Makkah and Medina in defence against the "false perceptions that some may have."

No sign of Waite hours after claim he would be freed

BEIRUT, July 15, (UPI): A caller claiming to speak on behalf of the Islamic Jihad yesterday told a West Beirut-based local news agency that Anglican Church envoy, Terry Waite, who has been held hostage for 30 months, would be released imminently.

"Terry Waite will be freed in 15 minutes," the caller said in a telephone call to the "Akbar Lubnan" Lebanon news agency, at 13:50 local time (10:50 GMT). He said the hostage will be released in the Syrian-controlled West Beirut

neighbourhood of Ouzai. The call prompted cameramen, photographers and reporters to rush to the Shiite area of Ouzai in the southern outskirts of the city, but nearly six hours after the call, there was no sign of the hostage.

Syrian Army intelligence cars were seen patrolling the area for more than an hour, but could not find a trace of Waite. There was no immediate proof of the call's authenticity.

In the past, Islamic Jihad said that all of its announcements would be made in written statements accompanied with proofs of authenticity, such as photos of the hostage.

But in May 1988, the group said in a telephone call to a radio station that it was going to release three French captives. Minutes later the hostages were set free in West Beirut.

Waite is among 17 hostages, including nine Americans, believed held captive by extremists loyal to Iran.

Somalia quiet after riots killed 10

NAIROBI, July 15, (AP): Residents said Somalia's capital was calm today, one day after state radio reported 10 people were killed when security forces opened fire on "troublemakers" who attacked them with stones, knives and sticks.

Thirty-two people were injured in the clash that erupted about midday yesterday near a mosque in a neighbourhood of western Mogadishu, according to Somali state radio.

The casualties included "troublemak-

ers" and members of the security forces, according to a state radio broadcast monitored in Nairobi, Somalia's western neighbour.

Residents contacted by telex from Nairobi said life in the Indian ocean-side capital appeared to have returned to normal today and that a 6 pm to 6 am (1600 GMT to 0300 GMT) curfew imposed yesterday was lifted.

The residents said the curfew kept them from hearing any more about the situation

than was broadcast on the radio and they were unable to provide any further information about the cause of the violence.

A resident contacted by telephone yesterday said it appeared troops had opened fire as Muslim worshippers left their place of prayer. Islam is the state religion in the overwhelmingly pastoral, impoverished East African nation of about 9 million.

The resident, who spoke on condition he not be identified further, said gunfire erupted

around midday and continued sporadically through the afternoon.

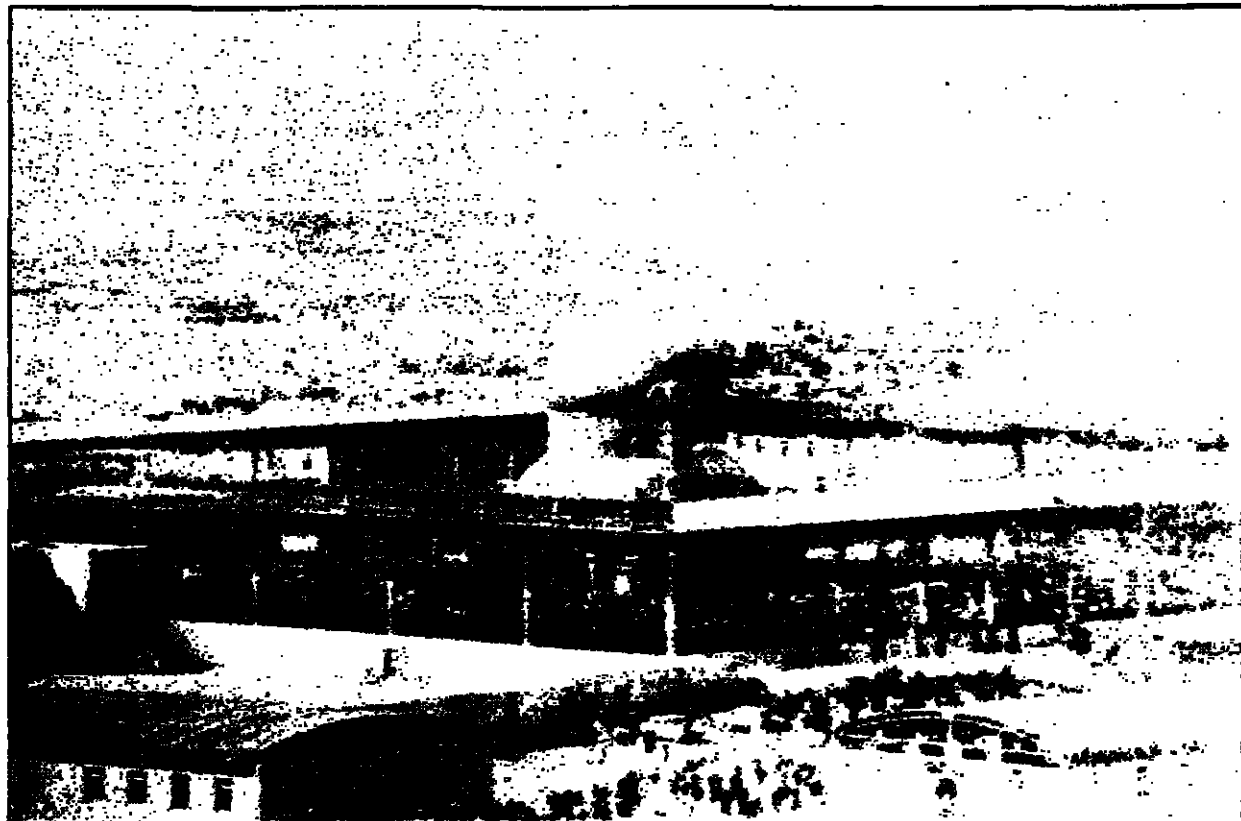
A Somali Ministry of the Interior statement broadcast over state radio late yesterday said a group of "trouble-makers" hiding behind the banner of religion caused the disturbances.

Security forces tried to contain the situation peacefully, but opened fire after they were attacked with stones, knives and sticks, according to the government statement.



Tribute to Khomeini

Thousands of Iranians gathered around the burial site (at right) of Iran's late leader Ayatollah Khomeini on



Thursday on the 40th day of Khomeini's death in Beheshti-Zahra near Tehran. At left, Iran's new leader President

Ali Khamenei waves to the crowd attending Friday prayers at Tehran University. (Reuter wirephoto)

Call for hard work

Plea to transform Iran into a 'model country'

NICOSIA, Cyprus, July 15, (AP): Iranian leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei yesterday called for co-operation and hard work in order to boost the struggling economy and transform Iran into a "model country."

Khamenei made the plea in a 10-point message to the nation marking the end of the 40-day mourning period after the death of Ayatollah Khomeini, the official Islamic Republic News Agency said.

The revolutionary patriarch died June 3 of a heart attack after undergoing emergency surgery to treat rapidly spreading cancer.

On Thursday, millions of Iranians attended ceremonies at the gold-topped shrine built over Khomeini's grave in a southern Tehran cemetery.

IRNA, monitored in Nicosia, quoted Khamenei as saying Iran must now aim at constructing a "model country" in which econ-

omic welfare would be stressed, along with social justice, Islamic morals and the revolutionary cause.

"Revolution cannot survive and pass over different stages if any of these principles is weakened or overlooked," Khamenei said.

"Open the way for advanced and sophisticated industries and prove that Iranian talent is capable of making the country self-sufficient, even in high technology," he added.

He said development should not result in mass consumerism "one of the sordid trademarks of the corrupt Western society," but would guarantee a flourishing economy.

Khamenei's emphasis on economic development underscored a shift in priorities under Iran's new leadership from the fierce Islamic radicalism that marked Khomeini's last months

as leader.

The country is making slow progress in repairing its economy after the 8-year war with Iraq, halted by a United Nations-mediated ceasefire Aug 20.

According to Western analysts, overall economic reconstruction is likely to cost more than \$200 billion.

Khomeini's Feb 14 death decree against British author Salman Rushdie for allegedly blaspheming against Islam in his novel "The Satanic Verses" disrupted relations with Western European nations that were keen to develop economic ties with Tehran.

Last month, Iran signed a 15-year co-operation agreement with the Soviet Union that is expected to pour around \$15 billion into the economy.

Despite high oil earnings forecast at more than \$10 billion

this year, Iran is plagued with soaring inflation, dwindling foreign exchange reserves and an ideological dislike of borrowing abroad.

Planners are focusing on rebuilding the petrochemicals and steel industries, along with boosting power generating capacity. But re-equipping the armed forces after the Gulf war is also considered important.

Khamenei, elected Iran's supreme leader by an assembly of experts immediately after Khomeini's death, is thought to belong to the pragmatist camp in the rivalry between the hierarchy's moderates and hardliners and to favour eventually restoring links with the West.

He is allied with the powerful parliament speaker, Hashemi Rafsanjani, 55, the front-runner in a presidential election due to be held July 28.

Egypt arrests militants

CAIRO, July 15, (Reuters): Eighteen Muslim militants demanding the release of their blind, fundamentalist leader have been arrested, police sources said today.

The militants were believed to be members of the outlawed Jihad group, one of the most extreme of Egypt's underground fundamentalist groupings, whose members claimed responsibility for the 1981 assassination of President Anwar Sadat.

They were arrested on Thursday and Friday in Suez during demonstrations to demand the release of detained theologian Sheikh Omar Abdel-Rahman.

Abdel-Rahman, in jail in the oasis town of Fayoum, accused of inciting violence, is due to stand trial in August.

Regarded as a near-saint by his followers, Abdel-Rahman was charged and later acquitted of inciting the murder of Sadat.

The detained militants were handing out leaflets calling for his release and waving banners saying "Sheikh Abdel-Rahman, beloved of God," the sources said.

"They were arrested under emergency laws in force since Sadat's assassination."

Afghan troops on alert

KANDAHAR, Afghanistan, July 15, (AP): Afghan Government troops are on alert for a new rebel offensive against this ancient city that has been the scene of some of the fiercest battles of the decade-long war.

The US-backed Muslim rebels have been trying for more than 18 months to capture the city of 300,000. And since early May, the Afghan armed forces have been preparing for a major assault by the rebels.

"The opponents are definitely planning to attack Kandahar city, especially the airport," said the military governor of Kandahar province, Lieut Gen. Nurul Haq Ulumi.

Soviet and Afghan officials have repeatedly accused neighbouring Pakistan, the base of the main seven rebel groups, of massing 10,000 to 15,000 troops near the border to help the rebels, called mujahedeen, or Islamic Holy Warriors. Pakistan has denied the charge.

"We understand that this time the opponents will be aided in a big way by Pakistan," the 46-year-old Ulumi told journalists from Western news organisations on Thursday.

Ulumi said the government had received information that Pakistan has massed 200 tanks and 40 fighter bombers at a base in the city of Quetta.

"We are holding our positions. But if we are attacked we will go after them and there will be massive bloodshed," he warned.

Kandahar, located 115 kilometres (70 miles) from the Pakistan border and 435 kilometres (255 miles) southwest of Kabul, already is in ruins.

Block after block of buildings has been bombed, and row after row of homes and stores have been looted.

Capturing a city would give the mujahedeen a base for the interim government they formed

Dreamed of a Jihad Egyptian misled

KABUL, Afghanistan, July 15, (AP): A young Egyptian captured by government troops said yesterday he came to Afghanistan two weeks ago to fight Soviet troops without knowing the Red Army had left in February.

Hesamuddin Mahmoud, 22, told a government-arranged news conference he had dreamed of fighting a jihad, or Islamic holy war.

"I know how to handle all firearms and as a good Muslim I came to Afghanistan to fight jihad," Mahmoud said. "I wanted to fight the Israelis, but since that was difficult, I came to Afghanistan instead."

He said he went to Pakistan before crossing the border to join Afghan Muslim rebels in their war against the Soviet-backed Kabul government.

On July 4, his fourth day in Afghanistan, an Afghan armoured unit destroyed the mujahideen post where he was based in Nangarhar province, Mahmoud said. The Afghan rebels have been besieging Nangarhar's capital, Jalalabad, since early March.

"There were 10 Arabs like me," Mahmoud said. "I fled. I do not know what happened to the others." He said he walked for three hours before surrendering to a government foot patrol.

President Najib's government has frequently charged that Saudi Arabians, other Arabs and Pakistanis are fighting alongside the mujahedeen.

Earlier this year the government produced two men who identified themselves as Pakistanis and another who said he was a Palestinian at trials conducted in front of foreign journalists. All three were found guilty of espionage or crimes against the Afghan people and sentenced to prison terms of up to 18 years.

"We also doubt that Pakistan will make any overt military support, like giving 200 tanks to the mujahedeen," he said.

But President Najib's soldiers appear to be taking no chances. Even during the Muslim holiday of Eid Al Adha, there was no slackness at the security posts in the hills and fields around the city.

Soldiers wait in wheat fields, their rocket launchers ready to fire.

In anticipation of a renewed attack, the government has deployed fresh troops to Kandahar, according to a senior Afghan Army officer, speaking on condition of anonymity. He declined to disclose specific figures.

Bashir hails Arab backing

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guaranteed to meet with the satisfaction of the people, satisfaction with a fait-accompli," he said.

Bashir said that the new regime in Sudan is studying the dimensions of the Eritrean problem and also relations with Ethiopia.

Bashir said that Sudan had contacted the Soviet charge d'affaires in Khartoum and asked that relations between the two countries be restored to the 1970 level. We also asked them to renew the Soviet projects in Sudan and establish new projects. Asked if he was talking about industrial or military projects, Bashir replied "All". He added that there are bus factories in Sudan built by the Soviet Union. Bashir said the Soviet charge d'affaires in Khartoum had welcomed the Sudanese proposals and promised to contact the Soviet officials in Moscow and expressed his optimism.

Bashir did not rule out the possibility that good relations with the Soviet Union may reflect on improving relations between Sudan and Ethiopia, because of the strong ties between Ethiopia and the Soviet Union. Bashir said that the Soviet charge d'affaires in Khartoum had welcomed the Sudanese proposals and promised to contact the Soviet officials in Moscow and expressed his optimism.

Bashir blamed the colonial rule for being directly responsible for the South Sudan problem. He said that before the colonial rule, there was only one Sudan, no South or North. But he expressed optimism over the ability of the new regime in Sudan to amicably solve the problem.

He denied that the April 1985 popular movement was against laws issued by former president Nimeiri. He said that when those laws were issued, a procession of one million people went out in support. What remains here is the unacceptable practices by Nimeiri and other officials who were around him. "Destruction, thefts and others were widespread during his rule, but the laws he issued found a unanimous welcome from all Muslims," Bashir said.

He reiterated that Nimeiri was a good patriot at the beginning of his rule but later it became a spoils regime. Bashir added that he and his colleagues were on military scholarship in Egypt in 1970, one year after Nimeiri came to power. When they went back to Sudan in 1971, they found the situation deteriorating. He added from that year, he and his colleagues began organising themselves.

Bashir said that the new regime would put on trial those officials from the former regime, who had committed crimes against the people.

Bashir stressed that the revolution would include all aspects of the Sudanese life.

KTV 1

9.00 Opening and Holy Quran
9.20 Cartoon film
10.00 Songs
10.30 International Circus
11.00 English film
1.00 News in brief
1.05 World Today via Satellite
1.35 Cartoon serial: Flouna
2.00 Arabic play: Lailat Min Al Madi. Starring: Sameer Ghanim, Isaad Younis, Waheed Saif
6.00 Songs
6.50 Public service magazine
7.30 Space programme
8.00 Diwanat Shuara Al Nabt
9.00 News in Arabic
10.00 Arabic serial: Harebat Min Al Madi. Starring: Ameen Rizq
10.45 Arabic play: Mamnu Beamer Al Awlad. Starring: Mahmoud Mostafa
12.30 News in brief
12.35 World Today via Satellite and Closed-circuit

KTV 2

6.00 Opening announcement and Holy Quran
6.10 Care Bears. A cartoon series for children.

TELEVISION PROGRAMMES

6.30 Sea Hunt. "Underwater Quake." A mine blasts in the area where Mike and his daughter are surveying the seabed... Mike has to investigate the matter with the town mayor...
7.00 Architecture At The Cross Roads. "New Market Places." The development of markets through history where markets used to be held in open areas while modern markets have become a multi-storey buildings.
8.00 News in English
8.30 Maelstrom. "In Possession." Katherine is exposed to an attempt on her life where the reporter tries to find the criminal.
9.30 The Secret World. "Predators, The Curse of the Killers." A look at predators and wild animals of prey in India, Africa and other places...
10.00 Kate and Allie. "Country Dog." Alice becomes unable to choose a suitable gift for her son better than his father's gift...
10.30 Bestseller. "The Monocled Mutineer" eps.



Issaad Younis in 'Lailat Jawaz Al Shaghala' on KTV 1 at 2.00 pm today.

3. When the British and the Australian troops erupted in full-scale mutiny against the harsh conditions.

Toplis was at the centre of the revolt...
11.30 News in Brief
11.45 Magazine D'Actualite.

CINEMA TODAY

Al Andalus Arabic film
Al Hamra Red Scorpion
Al Sahiya Arabic film
Al Firdous Tridev
Starring: Sunny Deol, Jackie Shroff, Madhuri Dixit
Fahsheel Open-Air Ustad

Al Fahsheel Patinde Pavessham
Al Jahra The Annihilators
Granada
Al Sulaibikhat Low Blow
Al Jeeb Thandrum
Ahmadi Drive-In Arabic film

NIGHT CHEMIST

Kuwait
Al Ahlam Pharmacy Fahd Al Salem St
Al Mutawa Pharmacy Hilali St., Opp. Shamian Mosque
Hawalli and Nugra
Al Najat Pharmacy Hawalli, Opp. Doctors Complex
Salamiya and Rumaythiya
Qurtoba Pharmacy Salem Mubarak St.
Fahsheel and Ahmadi
Fulaj Pharmacy

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Al Tawfeeq Pharmacy Southern St., Rajaan Commercial Market
Jahra
Al Najah Pharmacy Area Four, Block 48
Bader Al Sumait Co.

PRAYERS

Fajr	3.26 am
Zuhr	11.54
Asr	3.29 pm
Maghreb	6.49
Isha	8.19

WHAT'S ON

ARTS

Kuwait Science Museum
OPEN Saturday to Wednesday, 8-9 pm only. Natural history exhibits from in and around Kuwait, including blue whale. Closed on Thursday and Friday.

Islamic Arts Museum
SAT - Thurs: 9 am to 12 noon and 4.00 to 7.00 pm. Collection includes rare Islamic artefacts, Quranic manuscripts, ceramics, carpets and marine equipment. Arabian Gulf St.

Sadu House
SAT - Thurs: 9 am to 12 noon, 4 to 7.00 pm. Exhibits include bedouin handicrafts, rugs, saddle bags, cushions and textiles. Closed on Friday.

Tareeq Rajab Museum
Sat - Thurs: 9-12 noon and 4-7 pm. Also open on Fridays from 9 to 12 noon.

SOCIAL

KAPILKU meeting
JULY 19, Wednesday: The officers of the Association of Filipinos in Kuwait (KAPILKU) will hold their meeting at Far East Restaurant at 8.00 pm. Topics to be discussed are as follows: Palarong Pilipino (annual/souvenir programme, sponsors and awarding ceremony); Philippine community day and Mutya ng Pilipinas - Kuwait; Little Mr & Miss Philippines - Kuwait; Kapilku Night.

Tivim Centre
OCT. 26: Tivim Centre's Breeze 89 is going to hit the floors of Ramada Al Salam Hotel New Ballroom at a social event organised in commemoration of village festival. Top Rank and Stepping Stones will provide scintillating music. Lot of surprises await. For further information contact the organisers.

Independents ball
AUG. 7: At the Messila Beach Hotel from 8.30 pm onwards. Organised by Kuwait Independents Hockey. For tickets and details contact F. D'Mello (2421252) or S. Bajaj (2445825) after 7.30 pm.

KAPILKU Children's Contest

AUGUST 11: KAPILKU will hold the Little Mr and Ms Philippines, Kuwait, contest at Showbiz Pizza place, Salamiya. This coincides with Araw ng Mga Bata (Children's Day). Last date for submitting entries is July 28. For details contact Jojo Medrano, AVF, welfare and special projects, VCP Rosaf Austria or VP Sarah Macarimbang - Tel: 483447.

Bangladesh Association
JULY 21: The association invites all Bangladeshis to join the Bangladesh Library as founder/life members. Those who are interested can contact any executive member of the association on July 21 from 6 to 8 pm at the embassy premises. A meeting will be held at the embassy premises on August 4 to discuss the formation of the library.

British Council

JULY 19, (6 pm), July 20 (10.30 am). The Magical World of Giga, a children's film, will be shown at the British Council premises in Mansouriya. It is the story of Princess Giga who lives in the Kingdom of Fairyland. She is sent to Earth and with her magic wand, she transforms herself into a super-giant to make people's dreams come true.

July 22, July 23 (6.30 pm): This month's feature film is An Englishman Abroad. Based by Alan Bennett on the real-life meeting between Burgess and Coral Browne, filmed on location in London, Glasgow, Dundee. Alan Bates is Burgess. Admission is free for both movies but it is advisable to reserve seats. Tel: 251-5512; 253-3204; 253-3227.

D'Assisi Social Evening

AUG 1: D'Assisi Association will hold their social evening at the Messila Beach Hotel. The highlights of the evening will be the crowning of D'Assisi Queen. Top Rank and Stepping Stones will provide the music. For more information contact Joe Jack Ferns on 5644178. Henry 3717346 or contact A.M. Fine Armst, Shop No. 34, Al Karak Super Market, near GPO, Kuwait.

HOTELS

At the Kuwait Plaza

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At the Meridien

UNTIL July 31: Ice cream promotion at Al Waha Restaurant in the Salhiya Complex.

Eid greetings



Bangladeshis exchange "Eid greetings" with the Ambassador of Bangladesh K.M. Shehabuddin on Eid day at embassy premises at Khalidiya.

Kuwaiti collects rare manuscripts

7,500 in home library

A KUWAITI citizen has spent over 30 years collecting what he termed "a fortune" of rare Arabic books and manuscripts, most of them originals.

In his quest to collect as many old Arabic books as possible, he visited numerous countries the world over. Presently, his collection stands at 7,500 very rare manuscripts, books and periodicals. Some in his collection date back to hundreds of years and some of these have been very painstakingly written by hand.

The Kuwaiti identified as Abdul Karim Al Babbain was motivated by a hobby that grew with him since his childhood. His collection is in the form of a library at his residence.

Babbain said that he owns 300 rare manuscripts — majority of them unpublished. Some of his books and manuscripts have no other copies in the world, he added.

He spares no efforts in selecting the books that he believes to be unique and has travelled extensively to obtain a particular copy, paying fancy prices. He added that he spent five years in search of the first edition of the Divan of the famous poet Ahmad Shaki.

On one occasion, he learnt that an old shop in a foreign country was selling some rare manuscripts. When he personally visited the shop, he was astonished to see many rare and precious manuscripts scattered on the floor and customers stepping on them. He purchased some of the manuscripts and the salesman gave him several others free of charge. Babbain said that obviously the salesman did not realise the value of the manuscripts.

Babbain said that the main reason for his efforts in collecting these books is his love for reading and also for saving the Arabic



Babbain... collector

and Islamic heritage. He said that thousands of Arabic manuscripts and valuable books are spread all over the world, mostly in foreign countries where no care is taken to protect or publish

them. He added that he has plans to publish some of the useful manuscripts, which have remained unpublished till today. He said that he is now busy in classifying the books in his own home library so as to start publishing some of them. He has already published a manuscript in two parts which was distributed free.

Babbain said that the libraries department has agreed to allocate a section at the National library in order to establish a special section for many of the old Arabic and Islamic books and manuscripts. An area of over 500 square metre will be given to the new library and his family will supply it with the books and other equipment. Discussions to arrange for the publications of these rare books are under way. The main purpose of the new library is to make it possible for all interested to benefit from the books.

Suburban motorways cleaned up

AUTHORITIES worked round the clock to remove sand that gathered at the suburban roads and motorways that constitute a danger to drivers, an official source said.

The increase in the volume of sand is attributed to the sand storms reported in Kuwait last month, director of roads maintenance department at the Ministry of Public Works, Eid Al Khalidi said and added that workers of the department had removed the accumulated sand several times a day from the same area.

The sand had gathered in about 40 places situated along the Wafra-Mina Abdull Road (40 kilometres long). Special equipment and vehicles were used in the cleaning process, the official said.

He went on to state that sand storms are considered natural aspects in the desert areas and cannot be avoided. However, the piling of sand can be controlled and drastically reduced by putting steel or concrete barriers along the sides of the affected road areas. But, the most suitable solution to avoid this problem is to afforest the sides of these roads which should be undertaken by the Public Authority for Agriculture, the official said.

Cattle pens land allotted

A TOTAL of 303 land allotments have been distributed at Wafra Agriculture Area to be used as cattle pens by citizens.

The distribution of these lands aims at developing animal wealth in Kuwait, director of the animal wealth department at the Public Authority for Agriculture and Fish Wealth, Khalil Al Dusari said and added that the state offers all other assistance such as instructions, guides and health services for cattle raising.

The official said that the authority is in contact with relevant authorities to supply these land allotments with the needed infrastructure such as roads, water, supermarkets, fodder stores, electricity as well as afforestation services.

40 months for selling liquor

THE Criminal Court sentenced a woman to 40 months rigorous imprisonment to be followed by deportation on charges of distilling and trading in alcohol.

The court was told the CID personnel raided the house of the accused and confiscated alcohol and instruments for manufacturing the contraband. The accused informed security authorities that she sold a bottle to a man identified as S for KD7 who in turn sold a bottle for KD8 each.

However, the man denied that he sold alcohol and informed the court that he was given nine bottles as a gift by the lady and he had consumed them in the privacy of his house.



Help line

GOVERNOR of Hawalli, Abdul Latif Al Barges, Friday called on citizens and residents to contact the Patrols Command Centre in the event they needed any help.

The governor told KUNA, following an inspection tour of the patrols commands of Hawalli and Nugra, that the centres are ready to extend any assistance sought 24 hours a day.

Barges also inspected the operations room at the Hawalli command and followed services extended to citizens through the contacts between the command room and the patrols.

He announced the allocation of material and moral awards to the best patrol elements serving the public to be distributed once every three months.

The governor noted that his visit on the second day of the Eid was meant to share the responsibility of policemen and to boost their morale. Picture shows Barges testing equipment at the Patrols Command centre.

Improve recreational facilities, say residents

A LOCAL daily has toured the Kuwaiti beaches in Salamiya and interviewed beach-visitors to highlight their views on the possibilities available for those who remained in the country during the summer and the different existing recreational facilities.

A Hungarian lady married to a Kuwaiti said that Kuwaiti beaches lacked government direction to turn them into touristic attractions. This can be accomplished by providing recreational facilities, organised musical concerts and more public entertainment centres along the beachline which would not only attract more visitors but would serve as a rich source for leisure activities.

Role
The husband, Osama Al Farhan, an employee at the Ministry of Interior, said that he preferred to stay in Kuwait during the summer with the increasing attention being provided to the country's leisure activities, such as recreational facilities and public entertainment centres, available at the Touristic Enterprises Company's facilities, Khiran chalets and sea clubs. Compared to what other countries offer Kuwait's facilities are rated excellent.

Farhan recommended that the relevant authorities should play a greater role in planning and

implementing more recreational-educational programmes for children, through the organisation of group trips, camping activities, contests and others.

Ahmad Abdul Karim, a Jordanian citizen, said that the increase in the sea clubs subscription fees or admission fees to certain beach facilities is a major impediment to the development of recreational activities in Kuwait.

He added that the rent of a flat in Cairo where one could spend the summer vacation with his family was comparatively much cheaper than using the Kuwait sea clubs or visiting the entertainment city.

He stressed that Kuwait TV programmes had undergone no change whatsoever to meet the usual summer recess requirements.

Saad Ibrahim, a student at Kuwait University, said that membership conditions in the touristic clubs were too inflexible and many could not join these clubs during the summer. Misaad Kulaib, another university student, called for drastic reduction in the subscription fees at the seafont swimming pools, stressing the need to operate a regular and adequate number of buses to the entertainment city.

Profit margin 10 per cent

Co-ops protect consumer rights

THE chairman of the Kuwait Union of Consumer Co-operative Societies Al Salem Abu Hadidah has said that the primary function of the union is to protect the rights of consumers, supervise collective purchase of supplies and ensure non-monopoly and excessive profit orientation.

He told a local daily that the union's societies have had a positive effect on dealers who reduced their prices to match the going prices at these co-ops. This results in consumer benefits and attests to the success so far achieved by the co-operative movement in Kuwait.

Hadidah pointed out that the percentage of profit levied by the co-ops on their goods is 10 per cent and that as a result all dealers had reduced their margin of profitability drastically.

He said that the union's pricing committee is currently going about unifying prices at co-ops, fixing the prices of household items, and putting an end to consumer exploitation. The difference in prices is the result of different sources of purchase, the official said.

Headed that the union arranged for the purchase of large quantities of tissue paper boxes, which are distributed among the

co-ops, and that as a result of this policy the price per box dropped over the past ten years from 385 fils to 220, while quality was maintained.

He said that the existing popular markets posed no threat to the co-operative movement in Kuwait, nor did the goods available at these markets match the specifications and standards of the goods offered by the co-ops.

The union co-ordinates with the relevant authorities at Kuwait Municipality to ensure that no damaged or outdated goods found their way to the co-ops.

Bayan residents request better utilities

A NUMBER of residents of Bayan area have told a local daily that the area still needed greater attention from the relevant authorities, although it has been recently built.

Khaled Mansour Al Baheeri has said that the local clinic gets very crowded on Thursdays and Fridays, and that the local Bayan Co-operative Society lacked important consumer commodities.

He said that the area also required private education schools as it contained a large number of expatriates among its residents who had difficulties in registering their children at schools located at distant sites.

He stressed the need for further action on the part of the local police station to curb the reckless pattern of teen-age driving in the evenings, which not only endangers human

life but is a terrible source of nuisance. Baheeri said that the area lacked recreational facilities for children. He also called for extra attention from Kuwait Municipality in providing enough garbage containers as litter is a common sight on the street.

Mohammad Al Otaibi said that the prices offered by the local co-operative were high compared to their counterparts in other areas. Additionally, the unavailability of certain items compel us to turn to co-ops in other areas he said.

Mansour Al Othman said share-holders in the local Bayan Co-operative collected small profits at the end of the year.

The local clinic requires a female doctor to examine women patients, who under the present circumstances have to see the male

doctor. He said: "We were told that a site had been allocated for the construction of a park close to Al Wajiyah Mosque. But so far no action has been taken in spite of the scarcity of recreational facilities for children and adults in the area."

He pointed out that more attention is required to be given to the cleaning services in the area coupled with strict supervision over the cleaning staff.

Ali Al Abdullah said that the existing level of services offered by the local clinic was good but the number of doctors and nursing staff was inadequate and consequently failed to meet the increasing requirements of the residents in the area, while crowds were a common sight at the clinic.

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Influence allegations at Ibn Sina refuted

Specialised centres expanded

KIDNEY transplants are conducted at the Ibn Sina Hospital under strict supervision of a medical committee, Dr Abdul Latif Al Sahli, the director of the hospital said and added that there is absolutely no truth in allegations that bribes or influence of any form of trading is involved in receiving kidney transplants.

The centre is totally under the control of the administration of Ibn Sina Hospital after being transferred from the Mubarak Al Kabeer Hospital.

Source
Contribution of kidneys is the only source for obtaining organs for patients who are in need and the transplant of kidneys or other organs are subject to the law of organs transplants, the official said. But he admitted the existence of more than one authority or hospital responsible for transplanting organs in Kuwait which makes co-ordination of activities problematic on some occasions. "People are still not aware of the importance of contributing organs," Sahli added.

The director pointed out that Ibn Sina Hospital has opened an outpatient department to examine patients admitted to the

hospital to ensure that they are free of any internal diseases that could complicate surgery. Such internal diseases are related to blood-pressure, diabetes and heart diseases.

Centres
The outpatient department shortens the time needed for a patient to stay in the hospital and is consequently cost-effective. The outpatient department is run by two doctors. However, Ibn Sina Hospital has expanded its buildings which now contain several specialised centres which are: kidneys transplant centre, plastic surgery and burns centre as well as an eye surgery centre to be established.

The hospital also consists of some other sections like the nerves surgery, paediatric surgery and eye surgery. The new expansions will need more nursing and medical staff as well as other supportive staff. The plastic surgery centre will need 156 nurses and an increase in the number of physicians.

The centre is expected to meet local needs within the coming few years. Sahli said that he was in favour of fees being levied on patients who undertake un-

necessary plastic surgeries at the hospital.

The hospital is developing eye services treatment by providing sophisticated operations like the strabismus. It will also bring in specialists to treat glaucoma. Surgeries related to cornea transplants are conducted at the hospital in a very limited number of cases. However, these surgeries can be increased and developed if corneas are available at the eye bank, Sahli said.

The official said that he was in favour of the Ministry of Health's decision not to permit the Soviet ophthalmological hospital to visit Kuwait saying that the ministry should supervise and control surgeries undertaken in Kuwait. In the Soviet case, the question is: Who will bear responsibilities of surgeries conducted on the ship. What are the securities for the safety of patients. Further, Sahli said that granting permission to the Soviet ship will also open the door for other floating hospitals to ask for permission to visit Kuwait for conducting heart services offered by Kuwaiti hospitals is of a sophisticated standard which can compare to the very best in the world, Sahli added.



Martyrs' families honoured

Upon directives of the Defence Minister, Sheikh Nawaf Al Ahmed Al Jaber, the Ministry of Defence held a party to honour children and families of martyrs on the occasion of Eid Al Adha at the Military Academy Theatre Friday night.

The party began with a welcome speech for the director of General Relations, Col Yaqoub Ahmad Al Hosaini in which he welcomed the children and families of martyrs.

An entertainment party was then revived by a musical band followed by distribution of gifts. The party was attended by a number of officers from the Interior Ministry.

PACI offers better registration facilities

Inter-GCC plan on anvil

THE director-general of the Public Authority for Civil Information (PACI) Faisal Al Sharji has said that PACI has offered considerable facilities to lessen crowds at its various offices.

Speaking to a local newspaper, he said that a special service has been established where one could call to obtain information on the PACI services or answers to queries. The civil registration system involves the registration of personal data covering marital status, deaths, births, nationality and other particulars of all citizens and expatriate residents.

Based on the information collected by

the Civil Information System, PACI has been able to learn that the age category for expat residents ranged from 24 to 45 years. Males outnumber females, taking into account the huge number house servants available in Kuwait, while the Kuwaiti community population remained stable.

PACI has the capability to issue a daily or weekly population count report, and it systematically updates its information with the help of various government authorities which provide PACI with new information as to the number of deaths, births, marriages, divorces, and status of new entrants and departures.

Kuwaiti citizens can apply for the new civil ID card at any time and at no cost except the price of the special PACI envelope available at all co-ops. Resident expatriates could only do so when their present cards validity expired. But, if any resident would like to exchange his present ID for the new one, they could do so provided they bore the cost.

Renewals
He said that expired cards must be renewed within one month after expiry otherwise failing to do so would be in violation of civil information system law. Issuing the new card would take only three days, due

to the huge staff capability that PACI had. Failure to collect ready cards is also considered a violation of the civil information system law, as provision under this law stated that all those above 18 years must carry ID-cards, and that the PACI currently has so many unclaimed cards, which presupposes the imposition of fines on the owners, Shajji said.

He pointed out that there was an inter-GCC plan to jointly develop existing civil information systems, exchange expertise in this field and arrange for use of cards as passports by GCC citizens to move freely within the region.

From the courts

Drug charge

THE Criminal Court sentenced three individuals to five years in jail with hard labour and a fine of KD5,000 each for trafficking in drugs and sentenced three other members of the same ring to three and a half years in jail with hard labour and a fine of KD1,000 each on related charges.

The court was told that securitymen successfully entrapped a member of the ring and his accomplice who received marked police notes as a down payment for a drug exchange.

5 years for fraud

THE Cassation Court upheld a sentence of five-years imprisonment on two men accused of impersonating police officers and stealing perfumes from a shop.

The court was told that the two men entered the shop and demanded that all perfumes be handed to them as they were police officials. The salesman on requesting for their ID, was allegedly slapped in the face and the two accused decamped with the perfumes.

However, they were arrested through their car licence plate number provided by the salesman.

Sexual assault

THE Cassation Court upheld a sentence of five-years imprisonment issued initially by the Criminal Court and confirmed by the Higher Court on a man for sexually assaulting a boy.

The court was told that the victim was playing with friends outside his house when the convict approached him and forcibly took him at knife-point to a room where he sexually assaulted him.

Illegal entry

THE court sentenced four men to one month imprisonment and two others to three months imprisonment to be followed by deportation.

The six had entered the country illegally with the use of a boat from Iran. The last two who were sentenced to three months imprisonment had previously tried to enter the country illegally and were caught by securitymen.



PBAK members and sponsors with their Plaques of Merit and Appreciation.

PBAK honours outstanding members

THE awarding of Plaques of Merit and Appreciation for all deserving officers and members of PBAK 1988 was held Tuesday, July 11 at Holiday Inn Hotel, Babylon North and sponsored by Trico International Ltd., (Philippines Door to Door).

The awards were based on co-operation, support, initiative, unselfish effort and hardwork rendered by an individual and company to the association last year. Sarah Macarimbang, the 1988 director and now the KAPILKU VP for Social and Cultural Affairs is one of the recipients of the Plaque of Merit. Her initiative, hardwork and full support to all the association's activities made her top the awards.

Arthur Reyes, the 1988 senior vice-president was one of the officers who help launched the association.

Clement Mesenas, of the Kuwait Times and member of PBAK was instrumental in giving his constructive advice to the association's programmes. He gave his full co-operation and support to all PBAK's activities.

Club 300 and Holiday Inn Hotel were the only companies who were given the Plaque of Merit.

Homer Mesina, VP for audit of the association in 1988 and KAPILKU VP for media and external affairs '89 and Lando Caburao, executive vice-president of PBAK 1988 were among the recipients of Plaque of Appreciation for also being res-

ponsible for launching the association last year. Their initiative in getting 100 signatures in forming the association with the blessing from Ambassador Alunan C. Giang was successful.

Manny Inserto, the 1988 president of PBAK was the founding father of the association last year and initiated the organisational set-up of the officials in forming the solid foundation of the organisation.

Inserto who is at present KAPILKU president in his welcome address thanked the 1988 PBAK officers and members for their full support in making all PBAK's activities a grand success. He also paid tribute to the outstanding performance of the 1989 officers and members who

made an excellent effort to the association what is today.

Moditha Fernando, the general manager of Trico International Ltd., in his message said that his company will support all PBAK activities. Don Jayantha Kannangara, director of Trico made the same sentiments.

Guest of honour was Charge d'Affaires and Council General Olivia V. Palala of the Philippine Embassy.

Jean Abou Nohra, the general manager of Holiday Inn Hotel in his closing remarks pledged the hotel's commitments to all PBAK activities.

The awards night was made lively and smoothly by versatile Homer Mesina who was master of ceremony with his sense of humour.

BAHRAIN DIGEST

Eid celebrated with special programmes

EID AL ADHA celebrations in Bahrain went ahead in full swing with a host of activities throughout the island despite extremely hot and humid weather.

All the popular resorts comprising of social clubs, sports centres, parks, gardens and exclusive recreational complexes were reported to be crowded with nationals, expatriates and visitors from abroad. The island's numerous clubs and associations featured special programmes during the festival which included entertainment representing a variety of both local and foreign cultures. Because of the unusual high temperatures the past days witnessed a large number of people at the country's beaches, particularly the Al Jazayer beach, the longest beach in the island. A lot of people indulged in a host of water sports, at exclusive resorts like Al Bandar and Marina Club.

Bahrain is traditionally a popular place during Eid among Gulf nationals. All the island's hotels claimed hundred per cent occupancy with reservation having being made weeks in advance in some cases. Service apartments, including Sheza and Mishal complexes, were also fully booked with occupants mainly from other Gulf countries. Most of the Gulf visitors arrived in Bahrain by the King Fahd Causeway.

The Eid festival particularly witnessed a boom in all aspects of tourism industry as hotels, restaurants, clubs and other sectors linked to the hospitality business enjoyed a very high turnover in sales of food and beverages.

In sports, one of the highlights during Eid was the staging of the Al Ahli Club of 'Mini Olympics' comprising of a number of events representing various nationals.

50 per cent in the intermediate stage Smoking widespread among students

THE Assistant Undersecretary for Youth Affairs at the Ministry of Social Affairs and Labour, Abdul Rahman Al Mazroui said that half of the teenage smokers in Kuwait are in the intermediate stage. He added that the percentage decreases in the secondary stage and is the least in the primary stage. He added that 37.3 per cent of smoking students are in the secondary stage and the remaining 12.7 per cent are in the primary stage.

Revealing a study carried on young school-boys who have gained the habit of smoking, Mazroui said that the study found that the number of rooms in the house has a relation to young smokers.

He added that the study found that the maximum number of smokers among teenagers, was among students residing in homes with 6-9 rooms. These comprised 31.9 per cent of all the 29.9 per cent and 19.1 per cent of those who reside in homes with 9-12 rooms, while boys staying in houses with over 12 rooms formed 17 per cent of the smokers.

Housing
Mazroui said that the minimum percentage of 2.1 per cent was found among boys living in small houses of less than three rooms. He added that this means that the number of rooms in the house, greatly affect the number of child smokers as in big houses, boys have the opportunity to stay and live alone.

He said that the study found that 37.3 per cent of smoking boys live in limited income houses, 25.5 per cent live in Arab style houses

and the rest live in villas, while smoking among teenagers staying in apartments is almost non-existent. He said that whether the house is a villa, an Arab style or limited income, they all contain a large number of rooms, giving the opportunity to teenagers to stay alone in a room and smoke, away from the supervision of parents.

Mazroui said that 73.3 per cent of the smoking teenagers do not stay with their parents because of the death of their fathers, while another 13.3 per cent of them had divorced mothers. 6.7 per cent of the young smokers were orphaned and a similar percentage among those who do not stay with their parents because they (the parents) are always travelling. He said that these statistics show that the absence of the father or both parents, are the main causes for children to start the smoking habit simply because of the absence of strict supervision.

Mazroui added that it was noticed that majority of the smokers get their pocket money from the parents or brothers. 80.3 per cent of them get their pocket money from their parents while 15.2 per cent get it from their brothers. Only 1.5 per cent of these young smokers depend upon themselves, by working, in securing their pocket money.

Pocket money
Mazroui said that if the teenagers take their pocket money from others, particularly parents, without any direction how to use it, the money will most probably be used for bad

habits like smoking.

Another surprising fact came out of the study as it was found that 96.9 per cent of young smokers have their mothers at home, while mothers of 3.1 per cent of the smokers go to work. Mazroui attributed this to the fact that working mothers are more serious and educated when raising their children than housewives.

Mazroui added that the study also found that smoking among young boys increases by the increase in the number of male brothers in the family. 47.4 per cent of young smokers live in families having 5 or more brothers, followed with 39 per cent by those having 3-4 brothers and those having 1-2 brothers formed 19 per cent. He said that this is attributed to the fact that teenagers imitate their brothers by smoking and this tendency increases with the increase of the number of brothers.

Awareness
42.5 per cent of the young smokers are children of employees followed by children of merchants with 19.1 per cent. These are followed by children of army or policemen with 12.8 per cent and a similar percentage among children of retired employees. The study found that mothers of 72.4 per cent of the young smokers are illiterate, followed with 25.9 per cent with mothers who can read and write only. The rest belong to educated mothers. This affirms the fact that the educational standard of mothers greatly affects the behaviour of the children.

World tour on horseback

THE first known Bahraini is getting ready to travel to Europe via the Arab world riding on the back of his Arabian horse.

Mohammed Ghazwan says that his journey will start at the beginning of next winter and he expects to arrive in Europe at the end of the season.

During the journey Ghazwan will use two horses, one for riding and the other to carry his supplies.

He pointed out that the jour-

ney he intends to make is unique because for the first time in the Arab world a trip will be made on horseback. He however added that it will be tedious because horses are exposed to thirst faster than camels.

Ghazwan said that he intends to let people in the West realise Arabs are still holding on to their original Arabian traditions and also to prove to them that the Arabian horse is sturdier than other breeds.

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20,000 sacrificial sheep distributed by African Muslims Committee

THE chairman of the African Muslims Committee Dr Abdul Rahman Al Jumaat has said that the sacrifices project was inaugurated six years ago, but it had slowly gained momentum and the number of sacrifices jumped from 1,000 last year to 20,000 this year.

He said in an interview with a local daily that sacrificial sheep donations collected in Kuwait were kept and raised or transported to Africa, Europe, Asia and other parts of the world for butchering in Islamic countries as part of Eid Al Adha ceremonial ceremonies. Similar financial donations were also collected and distributed.

Sumait pointed out that beneficiaries in countries whose needs were given

priority based on objective factors, which included the presence of Islamic organisations in the country.

The main sources of the committee are the charity donations offered in Kuwait and the recent spread of Arab and Muslim communities virtually everywhere in the world, and financial donations collected through boxes mounted in public places in the country, and through special bank slips by which monthly salary deductions were made, including donations delivered in person.

He said that no regular financial aid was received from any government agency in the country, but certain projects undertaken by the committee could receive financial backing from few

government ministries on recommendations from the committee's board of directors. Usually such agencies are the council of ministries and the Ministry of Awqaf and Islamic Affairs.

Sumait added that other ministries would at times offer facilities, equipment and other items required to furnish a certain Islamic project undertaken by the committee. These include books from the Ministry of Education, medical equipment from the Ministry of Public Health, and transport services by the Kuwait Air Force.

Tuition
He said that the committee would provide the required professional cadre at hospitals, schools, Islamic centres and

others through contracting qualified personnel. The committee paid the tuition for over 65,000 Muslim students, studying in a total of 120 schools where the curricular programmes are based on Arabic and Islamic subject matter.

Sumait added that the committee look under its wing more than 6,500 orphans and paid the salaries of 1,850 teachers and Muslim scholars who taught Islamic science.

He also said that the committee had funded the construction of 650 mosques in 37 countries and translated and distributed more than 4 million copies of the Quran.

He said that the committee managed to purchase a broadcasting station in

Sierra Leone due to the 85 per cent Muslim population of the country after outbidding the purchase offers made by different missionary agencies.

The station transmits in English and French, besides other less common world languages, and the material transmitted included Islamic programmes, Arabic language teaching series and recitations of the Holy Quran, Sumait said.

He added that the transmission range covered 16 different countries, and that according to eye witnesses all those who could receive the transmission rushed running in the streets expressing their joy over hearing the Quran from the station in Sierra Leone for the first time.

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Thought for today

IF a woman once makes up her mind to marry a man, nothing but instant flight can save him — W. Somerset Maugham, English writer (1874-1965).

Jneid jail like camp

Palestinian prison state

BEHIND the cement walls, barbed wire fences and guard towers of Jneid prison in the occupied West Bank, 850 tough Palestinian prisoners closely watched by Israeli security officers are running their own state.

The prison, built on the barren hills near the West Bank town of Nablus, is the largest for "serious" Palestinian guerrillas, those serving 20 years or more for attacks on Israeli targets.

Dozens among the inmates are serving life sentences, Israel TV said. Friday's report by the state-run television was the first it was allowed to film inside the Jneid prison walls. And what it showed was more like a guerrilla camp or a state in miniature than a jail.

The 850 inmates are kept in small, often crowded cells, each occupied by an average of 14 people. Jneid prison costs Israel more than 15 million shekels (\$7.5 million) a year, and it spends 18,000 shekels a year per prisoner.

Unlike other prisoners, there are no sexual assaults and no drugs in this one, particularly run by a committee of six elected leaders.

"We have a committee of six prisoners who belong to different PLO factions. Each group has its own internal laws of selecting its representatives," said the prisoners' spokesman, Abdel Khader Fares.

The committee was shown discussing prisoners' demands with the warden Mufid Abbas, a Druse officer, and writing down a protocol of the talks.

"The prisoners are trying to expand all the time what they see as mini-autonomy. They demand improvements in all the fields: new teeth, union rights ... free passage from one prison section to another and a private doctor," the television said.

Abbas said he usually responds positively to prisoners' requests "if it does not harm the security of the prison and if it is a human matter the prisoners need," said the prisoners' spokesman, Abdel Khader Fares.

But Fares, who is serving a 15-year sentence for bomb-planting and a firearm attack on an Israeli bus, was of a different opinion.

He said inmates can exercise pressure on the authorities because of their influence on the 19-month Palestinian revolt raging outside Jneid walls.

"They feel we are honourable part of the Palestinian people in the (occupied) territories and we can influence the situation," he said.

The prisoners refuse to do any work for the benefit of their Israeli enemies. But the discipline imposed by their leadership is tight and they clean their own rooms, run the kitchen and have a tailor and a barber.

The prison library has 4,000 books and the prisoners use it to conduct lessons in Hebrew, English, French, Philosophy and Marxism, the television said.

The prisoners are also allowed to spend two and a half hours a day outside, in the prison courtyard — and this is not a period of rest.

During one such break, the prisoners were shown purposefully playing table tennis, basketball and chess or jogging around the courtyard. (Jerusalem — AP)

Tamils flee conscription

ROBERT MUTHIAH left his home in northern Sri Lanka and bicycled 270 kilometres (170 miles) to Colombo to escape recruitment into a Tamil militia supported by Indian peacekeeping troops.

Residents say the Eelam People's Revolutionary Liberation Front, which controls the government of the northeastern province, is preparing for another round of fighting with rival groups by forcibly increasing its strength.

Hundreds of Tamil youths have fled the region claiming the group was picking up men from their homes, shaving off their hair and eyebrows and forcing them to undergo training at military camps.

"It is not safe for me at home any more," said Muthiah, 25, who registered at a relief centre set up for the Tamils near Colombo. "Tamil groups assisted by Indian peacekeeping troops have been cordoning off villages and searching every home for young men."

"I do not want to join any movement," he said. "I just want to live in peace with my family."

Another Tamil youth, Mylvaganan Mathiyathanan, 17, said he jumped off a jeep taking him to an Army camp and made his way to Colombo from his village in the northern district of Jaffna.

He said he complained to Indian soldiers about the forced conscription, "but they just turned away and were not interested."

At least 38 men registered last week at the centre, which provides them with food and a place to sleep. Hundreds of others have visited but have not registered because they do not want to reveal their identities.

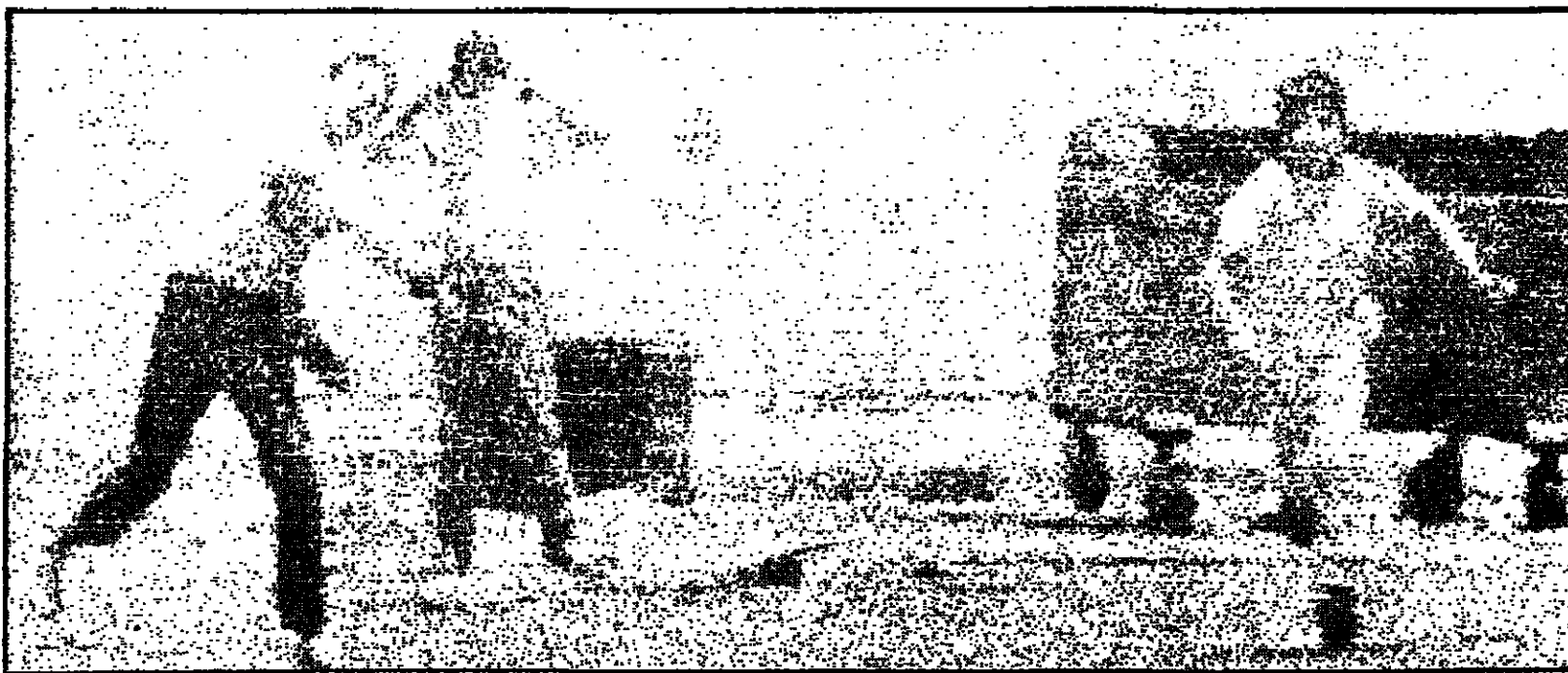
The Liberation Front admits it is recruiting youths for a civil volunteer group but denies using force. But the recruitments have increased since May, when a rival militia, the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam, opened talks with the government.

The two groups have been bitter rivals since the Liberation Front accepted a 1987 peace accord aimed at ending the Tamil secessionist war. The Tigers rejected the accord's offer of limited autonomy and continued fighting for an independent Tamil nation.

The accord was sponsored by neighbouring India, which sent in troops to enforce an arms surrender by the Tamil groups. The Indian soldiers have aligned with the Liberation Front and hold joint patrols with its members to ferret out the Tigers.

TODAY IN HISTORY

- 1644 — Parliamentarian forces take York from Royalists in England.
- 1647 — Mananiello, leader of Naples revolt against Spain, is assassinated.
- 1809 — Revolt breaks out in Upper Peru against Spanish authority.
- 1855 — Britain's Parliament establishes responsible government throughout Australian states, except for Western Australia.
- 1918 — Russia's Tsar Nicholas II and his family are executed by the Bolsheviks.
- 1921 — Greek forces defeat Turks at Kutania in Turkey.
- 1925 — First elected Parliament in Iraq opens in Baghdad.
- 1941 — German forces pierce Soviet Stalin line and take Smolensk in World War II.
- 1945 — First atomic bomb is exploded over desert in New Mexico, USA, during World War II, heralding start of atomic age.
- 1949 — Chinese Nationalists organise supreme council under Chiang Kai-Shek which begins to move forces to Taiwan.
- 1951 — Belgium's King Leopold III abdicates and is succeeded by his son Baudouin.
- 1966 — India's Prime Minister Indira Gandhi ends visit to Moscow with promise of \$1 billion in Soviet aid for her country.
- 1969 — US Apollo 11 spacecraft is launched from Cape Canaveral, Florida, to attempt first manned landing on Moon.
- 1988 — Police set up roadblocks outside Cape Town, South Africa, prison holding African National Congress leader Nelson Mandela.



Palestinian youngsters throw stones at Israeli troops.

Settlers, Israeli Army clash

Vietnam syndrome all over

THERE was a time when many of the 70,000 Jews living in settler enclaves in the West Bank felt assured of two things: that both God and their government were solidly behind their efforts to secure their Biblical claim to land occupied by Israel during the 1967 Arab-Israeli war.

Of God's commitment most settlers still have little doubt. Of the government's, many have begun to wonder.

Frustrated by the failure of the Israeli Army to put an end to the Palestinian uprising and to provide protection against intensified attacks on settler traffic, the settlers have taken matters into their own hands.

The result has been an unprecedented wave of Arab-Israeli violence in the West Bank which has also brought relations between the Army and the settlers to a crisis.

"If we're not resolute in the notion that our presence in the West Bank is legitimate, then our resolve in responding to violence will be less than 100 per cent," says Benjamin Greenberger, a law professor whose settlement of Maaleh Adumim, near Jerusalem, erupted in fury recently after a Jewish family of four was seriously injured in a fire-bomb attack.

"It's the Vietnam syndrome all over. We send our boys over there to fight but we don't really let them fight," he says.

Just recently 30 Jewish settlers went on a 90-minute rampage through the Arab village of Kifl Harith, near Nablus, killing a Palestinian teenager and wounding two other residents. Police have detained six suspects and more arrests are expected soon.

Brazen

The attack was the most brazen since the start of the Palestinian uprising and the latest in a series of incidents starting a month ago in which bands of settlers have descended on Arab villages, breaking windows, burning cars, and shooting indiscriminately in reprisals against stonings by Arabs.

"The whole situation is moving to a dangerous confrontation between the two communities," says an Israeli journalist who reports regularly from the occupied territories.

In a makeshift operations centre in the settler enclave of Beit Romano, in Hebron, Avraham Strock calls through a computer print-out of intifada-related incidents in the Hebron area.

"We started keeping a list 45 days ago and we're already up to 750 incidents," mostly stones and occasional petrol-bombs tossed at cars driven by Jewish settlers. Strock takes off his "kippe" to show a head wound inflicted in once such incident.

Galvanized by such statistics and frustrated by the government's unwillingness to use mass deportations and aggressive economic sanctions to quell the uprising, settlers have gone on the offensive.

Regular foot patrols now periodically ply the main streets inside Hebron while auto caravans of

heavily armed settlers patrol the main roads linking Hebron and outlying settlements. A phone network alerts settlers in emergencies. In most settlements, organized militias have sprung up complete with arms and communication systems.

Fuelled by deepening hatreds, the violence that has resulted has made cities like Hebron virtual no-man's lands.

"It's out of control," says the Israeli journalist whose car was stoned by Palestinians several times on a routine reporting trip to Hebron.

Jewish settlers went so far as to attack and beat Israeli peace activists trying to deliver food and medicine to Palestinian children in Gaza Strip refugee camps.

Some settler acts have brought a strong negative reaction from other Israelis.

The Jewish settlement of Ariel on the West Bank

has dropped plans announced earlier to force Palestinian labourers to wear tags reading "alien worker". Other Israelis and the US State Department had strongly criticized the plan.

According to wire reports, tens of thousands of Israelis, some carrying signs saying "Thou shalt not kill" protested settler attacks on Arab communities in the occupied territories in early June.

The stepped-up violence has been a nightmare for the Israeli Army, which, while waging its battle against the uprising, is now obliged to keep settlers from mounting vigilante operations.

"The settlers like to warm things up," says a weary reserve soldier as he watches a heavily armed patrol of 15 settlers disappear into the hostile streets of Hebron. "I guess its their way of forcing the government to come to some kind of conclusion about this place."

Frustrations boil over

"BEFORE, we could buy things in Hebron. We could walk through the streets and shop in the cashah. We could drive anywhere and not worry. All we want is to continue what we once had."

Seventeen years ago, Bela and Rami Gonen joined the first wave of Jewish settlers to move to Hebron, following Israel's occupation of the West Bank during the 1967 Arab-Israeli war.

In their hilltop settlement on the outskirts of town, they talk about the worsening cycle of violence and reprisal that has put the 70,000 Jewish settlers in the territories under the spotlight.

"Before, we were passive; we didn't react," says Rami Gonen, a retired Army officer, of the growing number of stonethrowing attacks by local Arabs that have made life more dangerous for the 6,500 settlers who live in and around Hebron.

"But the situation has gotten completely out of control, and the Army doesn't look after us. We have no intention of taking the law into our own hands, but all that's left for us is to defend ourselves."

Frustrated by what they described as the Army's inadequate

protection, the Kiryat Arba town council last month assigned to Bela Gonen the job of organising regular foot patrols through Hebron. Each day, for over an hour, a dozen or more heavily armed settlers walk the streets to demonstrate that Jews can still move freely in the city.

But the patrols, which usually have sparked confrontations with Arab residents, have heightened tension, prompting the Army to impose new restrictions on the settlers.

"We're furious," says Bela Gonen, who has been a member of the town council for four years. "We're furious that we have to ask permission to go to places where we've lived for 18 years, while the Arabs can go anywhere."

Last week, frustrations boiled over after Arab youths hurled firebombs at 20-year-old Ilan Rosenberg near the entrance of Kiryat Arba.

Hundreds of armed settlers, including Bela Gonen, massed at the entrance of the city, many firing in the air. But they were blocked by soldiers forced into the unwelcome job of playing umpire between Jews and Arabs in the territories.

The Gonens says the incident

illustrates the lukewarm resolve of an Army whose mission is hindered by outside pressures.

"The government has turned the Army into an army of observers, like a UN force," says Mrs Gonen.

"The policy is causing and perpetuating the intifada," she adds. "Without pressure from Washington, the government could have an iron fist."

"It's not possible that the law can be so one-sided that people can throw rocks, and we can't respond," adds Rami Gonen.

Bela Gonen says if the policy of the Army doesn't change, the situation will deteriorate, leading the settlers to take more extreme measures.

One move being considered: moving the entire population of Kiryat Arba, children and all, to a campsite in front of the prime minister's office in Jerusalem to protest the restrictions on settlers.

But she says no amount of pressure or danger would force the settlers in Hebron to leave.

"The irony of the situation is that it has made us stronger and more determined than ever to live here. We would die before leaving here."

Bus attack takes on holy significance

Shrines to the revered

ONE week after a Palestinian forced an Israeli bus off the road, killing 14 and wounding 27, the site of the attack and the assailant's demolished home have become shrines revered by opposing sides.

Hundreds of Jews gathered for a memorial service on Thursday on the steep cliff where the bus plunged 200 feet (60 metres) into a deep gorge. A grim monument has been erected from red-and-white remains of the bus chassis, charred tires, twisted metal and stones.

Dozens of Israeli drivers stop their cars on the Jerusalem-Tel Aviv highway's shoulder to peer at the blackened mark where the bus went up in flames. They leave behind a daily offering of flowers and Israeli flags.

In the Gaza Strip, the Nuseirat refugee camp has

become a shrine to a different kind of martyr — a man who has achieved the heroic status normally reserved for those who die in the Palestinian uprising.

He is Abdel Hadi Salmas Rassem Ghanem, 23, the man police and witnesses said forced the bus off the road to avenge a friend who soldiers shot and paralysed during the uprising against Israeli rule in the occupied territories.

At the memorial service, people gathered at the blackened spot and picked through the twisted steel and burned blankets — remnants of the bus attack that shocked the country. "They burned to death," an elderly woman cried out.

Several hundred people gathered on a cliff overlooking the black spot and beneath a sign that

read "enough terror." A week earlier, helicopters rescuing the wounded had perched on that same cliff.

"This is the gate of heaven... From here the holy ones went up to heaven," said Zvi Rosenberg, whose brother died in the attack.

Legislators and clergymen delivered brief speeches as victims' families wept quietly in the front row. Israeli flags fluttered in the breeze and youths lit 14 torches for the victims.

Transportation Minister Moshe Katsav said the attack proved Israelis are fighting a war for their existence.

"This murder proves to everyone that there is no difference between terror and the intifadah," he said, using the Arabic word for uprising.

Avner Shaki, minister of religion from the National Religious Party, said: "The enlightened world, the civilized world, America, European countries did not sound a clear condemnation of this vile murder."

Israel was angered by the US failure to immediately label the attack a terrorist act. After protests, the United States said it considered the attack terrorism.

Earlier on Thursday, the bus driver, Moshe Elul, told Israel Army radio he, too, had stopped on the roadside to reconstruct the moments when a Palestinian wrenched the wheel from him and forced the bus over the cliff.

"It helped me to go back over what happened to me in those few fateful moments. I remember the angle of the bus as it fell down," said Elul, who suffered head and neck injuries in the attack.

Ghanem's home in Nuseirat has been demolished by the Army as punishment for the attack.

But that has not erased his legend, inscribed in graffiti on the walls of the camp. He is considered a martyr: because even though he did not die, he was on a suicide mission.

To the hero Abdel Hadi, the killer of the Jews — a salute of honour and glorification for the fighter Abdel Hadi," said one slogan signed by Islamic Jihad, a militant Muslim group.

"Long live the hero Abdel Hadi, symbol of sacrifice and redemption," said another slogan, signed by the PLO-backed United National Leadership of the uprising.



One of the passengers killed in the bus crash is loaded onto an Israeli Army helicopter as rescue teams carry dead and wounded out of a ravine alongside the Jerusalem — Tel Aviv highway.

Namibian refugees go home

KEROSENE lamps flicker between the neat rows of khaki tents at the Viana transit camp as 150 Namibian refugees gather at midnight in the canteen for their last Angolan meal of soup and corned beef.

Their meagre belongings are stuffed into bags and battered cases. Their children rub sleepy eyes and clutch favourite toys. The Namibians are nervous.

In a few hours, they will be going home in one of the largest airlifts since World War II. It is part of a UN independence plan for their southwestern African nation worked out last December in New York among Angola, Cuba and South Africa.

The transit camp, located 12 kilometres (seven miles) northeast of the Angolan capital, Luanda, is run jointly by the Angolan government, the United Nations High Commission for Refugees and SWAPO, the South West African People's Organisation.

SWAPO fought South Africa for 23 years for the independence of Namibia previously known as South-West Africa.

South Africa ruled the former German colony as a League of Nations-mandated territory after World War I, ignoring later UN calls to grant it independence.

Viana camp is the final collection and co-ordination point for the Namibians who have lived as long as a decade as refugees in SWAPO's camps in Angola.

Some left their country to join SWAPO in its guerrilla war against South Africa. Many others just left, fleeing the war.

Each day, some 450 refugees dressed in their best clothes arrive in Viana in open trucks after 18-hour treks from camps in Sumbe and Cabuta, 300 kilometres (180 miles) south of Luanda. Their transit stopover usually lasts three days.

As dawn breaks, trucks rumble out of the camp toward the Luanda airport for flights to the northern Namibian towns of Grootfontein and Oudandjwa.

Hilda More joined SWAPO in Angola in 1983 and spent six years in Sumbe camp.

She is confident about Namibia and SWAPO's changes in the November pre-independence election.

"I have no fears about going back — that's my country, and I'm sure we'll rule Namibia very well," she said.

SWAPO, which began its guerrilla war against South Africa in 1966, is expected to win most of the votes in the November election, but might not secure the two-thirds majority needed to rule alone and write Namibia's constitution.

One afternoon, Alina Nakale, who used to work as a nurse in Lusaka, Zambia, lines up with her luggage and sons Elvis, 7, and Johnny, 4, to check their names on the list for TAAG (Angolan Airlines) special flight 7579 to Grootfontein.

The excited boys are playing with a yellow balloon. They've never been in an airplane, and they've never seen Namibia before.

According to the UN High Commission, 35,000 Namibian refugees registered in May for repatriation from Angola. There are another 4,000 refugees in neighbouring Zambia.

But SWAPO requested UN food aid and support for 69,000 refugees.

"Even if we admit that not every Namibian refugee turned up to register in May, there can only be a further 3,000 at most," said one UN High Commission official, who asked not to be identified by name.

At Luanda airport, Onesimo Silveira, the Cape Verdean who heads the UN High Commission operation in Angola, helps refugees find their names on the lists and move their baggage.

"Considering our time limitations," he said, "this must be the biggest airlift since the (Second World) War."

The first convoy of trucks from Sumbe and Cabuta camps arrived in Viana on June 9. By July 14, more than 17,000 Namibian refugees had left Angola for home.

End

Silveira said the operation would end as planned July 31.

"We'll be able to speed up the process to 10 flights a day towards the end," he said. "There will be no bottlenecks like those that occurred with the overland transport."

Since early June, scheduled commercial flights in Angola, problematic at the best of times but the only secure way to travel in a country plagued by 14 years of civil war, have stopped because all available aircraft are being used in the airlift.

The UN High Commission stopped flights to the Namibian capital, Windhoek, July 5 when refugees refused to leave the reception centre there, causing overcrowding.

Quote me

"I think what we found today is that having a baby is a crime for pregnant addicts." — Dr. Jim Sweeting said on Jennifer Johnson, a cocaine addict who was convicted of delivering drugs to her two children through their umbilical cords at birth.

"Quite a number of young people have been greatly influenced by Western culture and ideology in recent years, yet we have slackened correct ideological education among them." — Jiang Zemin, the newly appointed Chinese Communist Party leader said.

"The seven are profoundly pre-occupied by the situation in the Middle East and the aggravation of this situation. It calls more than ever for a solution respecting the legitimate rights of the Palestinian people and the security of all states in the region, including Israel." — Roland Dumas, French Foreign Minister said to the reporters about the summit.

"We offer the countries of the east the opportunity to develop balanced economic co-operation on a sound commercial basis consistent with the security interests of each of our countries and with the general principles of international trade." — A Paris summit statement said.

"This is a day of shame for my city. It's impossible to imagine a more distorted, irresponsible and savagely ignorant use for a great historic centre." — Italian philosopher Massimo Cacciari said after more than 150,000 young rock fans invaded Venice yesterday.

"What is incomprehensible and grave is that on the altar of this plot is sacrificed the life and dignity of people and a nation that have already suffered too much and rightfully await the day of peace and reconstruction." — A Vatican newspaper wrote on Lebanon in its editorial.

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French Revolution marks end of era

200 years of 'liberty, equality, fraternity'

THE Bastille is a medieval fortress on the east side of Paris that became, in the 17th and 18th centuries, a French state prison and a place of detention for important persons charged with miscellaneous offenses. The Bastille, stormed by an armed mob of Parisians in the opening days of the French Revolution, was a symbol of the despotism of the Bourbons and held an important place in the ideology of the Revolution. Begun on April 22, 1370, at the order of King Charles V, the fortress was built to protect the wall around Paris against English attack.

The Cardinal de Richelieu was the first to use the Bastille as a state prison in the 17th century; the yearly average number of prisoners was 40, interned by *lettre de cachet*, a direct order of the king against which there was no recourse. Prisoners included political troublemakers and

individuals held at the request of their families, often to coerce a young member into obedience or to prevent a disreputable member from marrying the family's name. Under Louis XIV, the Bastille became a place of judicial detention in which the *lieutenants de police* could hold prisoners; under the regency of Philippe II, duc d'Orleans, persons being tried by the Parlement were also detained there. Imprisonment by *lettre de cachet* remained, however, in force and prohibited books were also placed in the Bastille. The high cost of maintaining the building prompted talk of demolition in 1784.

On the morning of July 14, 1789, when only seven prisoners were confined in the building, a mob advanced on the Bastille with the intention of asking the prison governor, Bernard Jordan, marquis de Launay, to

release the arms and munitions stored there. Angered by Launay's evasiveness, the people stormed and captured the place; this dramatic action came to symbolise the end of the *ancien regime*. The Bastille was subsequently dismantled by order of the Revolutionary government.

Bastille Day, is a national holiday of France, observed on July 14 in commemoration of the capture of the Bastille. The Bastille had become a symbol of royal tyranny to the Parisians; the news of its fall advertised the revolutionary situation to the provinces and reinforced revolutionary activities throughout the country.

Bastille Day was chosen as a French national holiday in 1880. It is celebrated with parades, speeches, and merrymaking, including dancing in the streets and the setting off of firecrackers.

*Three free birds
cross our thoughts.
Three birds the colour
of dawn fly away in
space.
Three words the colour
of time are joined
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Liberty, equality,
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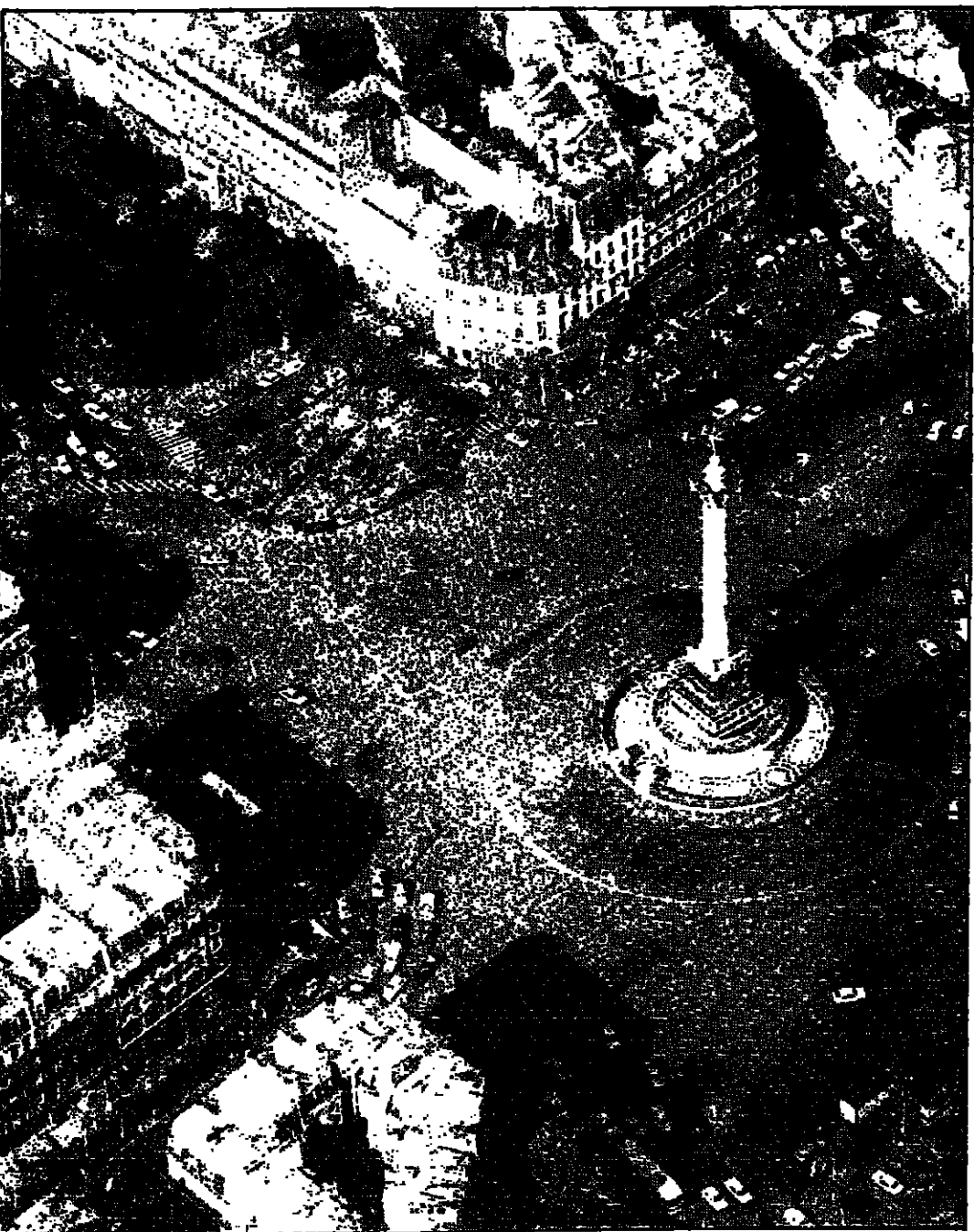


Declaration of Human Rights

Jean-Jacques Rousseau and Voltaire: two great French philosophers of the 18th century whose ideas changed the world. On August 16, 1789, at the proposal of legal experts, moralists and members of parliament, the National Assembly unanimously adopted a text known in history as the 'Declaration of the Rights of Man and of the Citizen', often represented as one of the greatest achievements of the French Revolution.



The storming of the Bastille on July 14, 1789, came to symbolise the end of the ancient regime



The Bastille today: the fortress was dismantled by order of the Revolutionary government.

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Revolutionaries re-organise life according to reason and nature

New words invented to cope with changes

By Claire Rosenberg

THE French Revolution not only changed the face of France, it spawned thousands of new words — among them "terrorism" and "guillotine" — still in use 200 years later.

Another legacy recalled as France marks the anniversary of the revolution is the metric system.

To cope with the changes wrought by the revolution, the French had to invent so many new expressions — nearly 2,000 — that a dozen dictionaries were printed in the decade from 1789 to 1799.

Out of the blood-drenched months of the terror, the period from 1793 to 1794 when thousands of heads fell under the

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blade of the guillotine, came the now universal notion of "terrorism".

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People changed their names, dropping the royal Louis or Marie for Constitution or Civilisation, names inspired by contemporary events. Nature provided Dandelion for girls, Rhubarb for boys.

Renamed

The "queen bee" was renamed "laying bee", chess pieces changed to eradicate the smack of royalty and saints' days replaced so that St Catherine's became the Day of the Pig and St Cecilia's the Day of the Turnip.

The French, said US historian Robert Darnton, "experienced reality as something that could be destroyed and reconstructed."

The spree to create a new order threw up the metric system, with the base unit, the metre, decreed in 1790 to be "equal to one ten-millionth part of the arc of terrestrial meridian."

The system was later extended to weight — grammes and kilogrammes — litres and, during a trial period, to time. Days were divided into 20 hours, hours into 50 minutes and minutes into 100 seconds.

In 1793, legislators adopted a new calendar whose Year One began September 22, 1792, the day of the fall of the monarchy. Abolished in 1805, it too was a



The explosion of political writing played a key role in spreading revolutionary ideas and, in 1789, the political classifications and declassifications. The business of political commentary was vital in mobilising revolutionaries.

tribute to reason and nature. Ten-day weeks gave one day of rest and the three-week months were named after the seasons, Brumaire for fog or Pluviose for rain.

Bent on scrapping the old royal provinces, 18th-century leaders then reorganised France into administrative "departments", thus giving the country a newfound unity which in turn

nurtured novel concepts such as "nation" and "patriot".

The new rulers, tightening their grip, invented "identity cards" and "conscription" as fear of foreign invasion spread.

Their new "revolutionary tribunals" turned the adjective "suspect" into a noun.

The guillotine, the machine invented to decapitate the "counter-revolutionaries" —

also a new word — was referred to as "the revolutionary instrument". Dr Guillotin had invented the machine to spare the condemned any pain.

"Emigre" joined the lexicon when nobles, tradesmen and farmers who failed to rally to the revolution were forced to flee almost certain death.

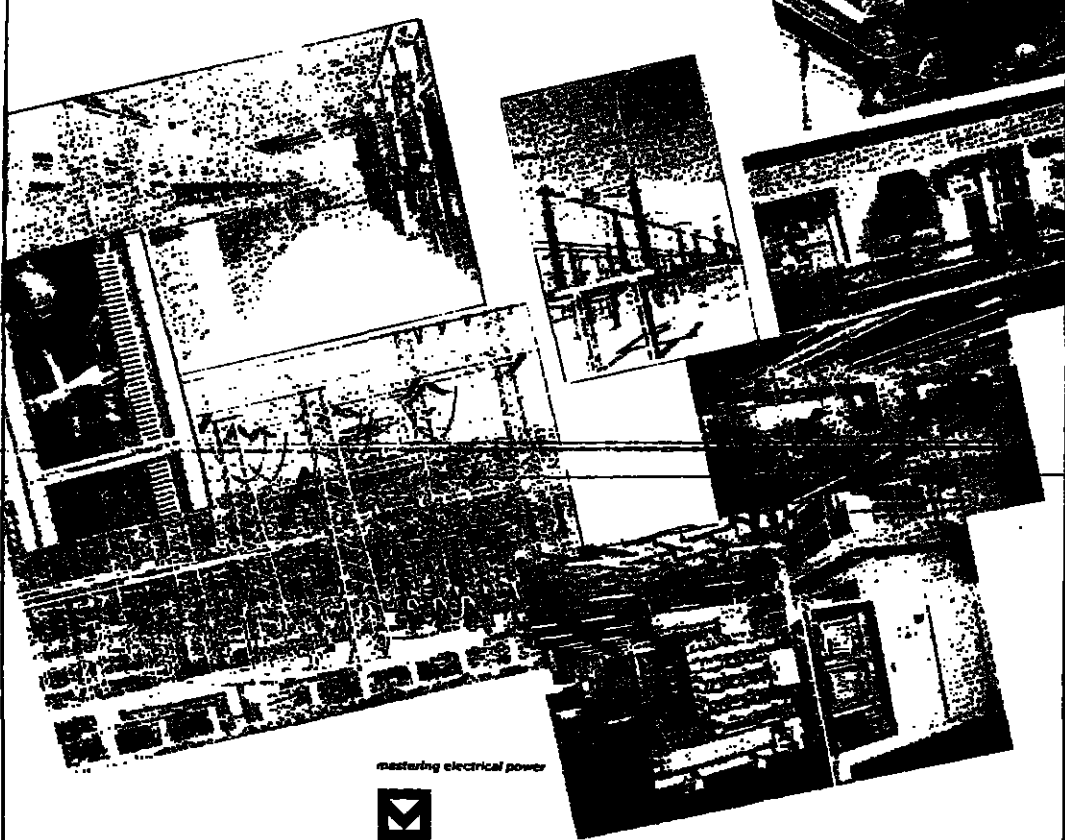
The tribunals had to turn to England for much of their ter-

minology, adopting the words "agitator" and "outlaw".

The revolution, with its cry "Liberty, equality and fraternity", spawned the words "citizen" and "citizenship", described by an official 1790 test as "residents of a free state".

In 1792, it was decreed that "citizen" and "citizenship" would replace the words "monsieur" and "madame". (Reuter - Paris)

Congratulations to the people of France on the occasion of the bicentennial anniversary of the Bastille Day.



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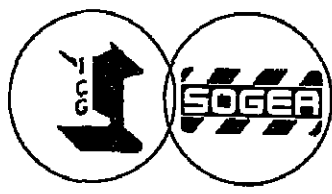
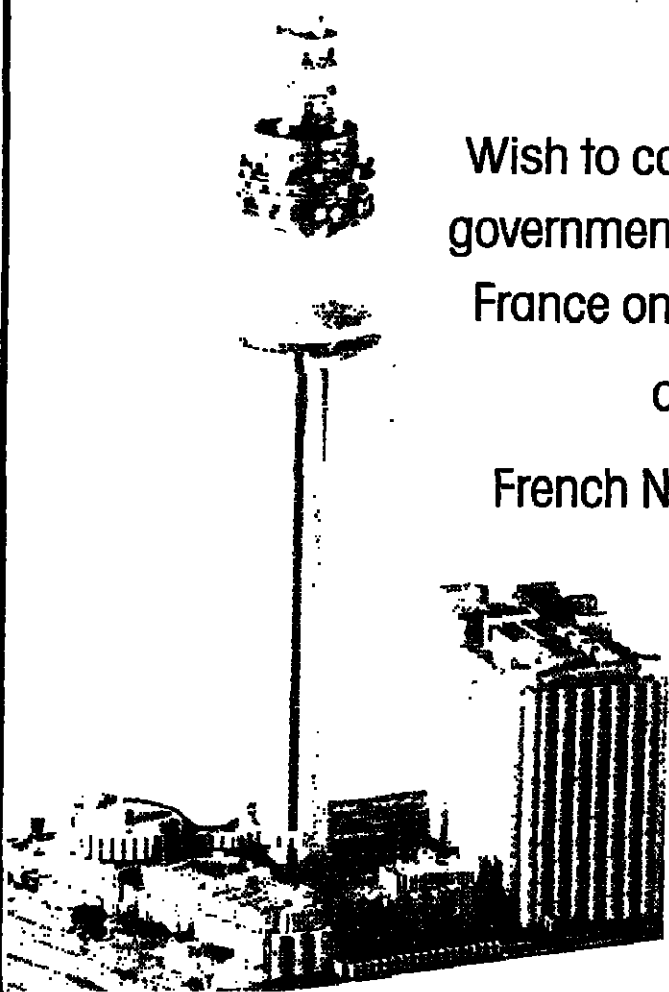
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1789 in words and music

Reliving the past

IN a century of turmoil and nationalist movements, the French Revolution stands out as a watershed in the development of modern politics, culture and civilisation.

In this bicentennial of that event, readers can relive the events through a chronology, through letters and consider its impact.

If you are planning a Bicentennial Bastille Day bash, you might want to drop the *Chronicle of the French Revolution* (Chronicle Publications, 704 pp. \$55) on your coffee table before the guests arrive.

But do so carefully. This is a literally heavy book. What's between the covers, however, is another matter. Lavishly illustrated, with a novel format using something akin to a newspaper page of short, brightly written stories, the chronicle provides a day-by-day account of the tumultuous years between 1788 and 1799.

More than 3,000 events are detailed and accompanied by some 1,700 illustrations. In addition, brief but informative biographies of all the major — and many minor — players in the drama that fascinated and excited the world are included.

Entertainingly written, the *Chronicle* is nonetheless comprehensive and presents the revolution as those living through it may have experienced it.

Mythic
"To almost all parties, 1789 retains mythic proportions," Emmet Kennedy observes in *A Cultural History of the French Revolution* (Yale, 463 pp. \$35), a fascinating look behind the political turmoil and assessment of the cultural work and impact of the revolution.

"The revolution did not leave a culture of its own behind," Kennedy, a professor at George Washington University in Washington DC, argues, "because it negated the culture of the old regime rather than creating a new one."

At the same time, however, he acknowledges that it did leave its mark "most visibly in politics and political culture: the practice and ethos of republicanism."

This is a rewarding book but it's not always easy going, demanding more familiarity with cultural currents in Europe than most general readers are likely to have. Still, anyone is likely to be fascinated by Kennedy's chapter on the rhetoric of the revolution and the use of revolutionary festivals and the campaign to de-Christianise the nation.

Among the most fascinating little sections is one on what perhaps was the outstanding contribution of the French Revolution. It is Kennedy's passage on the establishment of the Louvre, once a royal palace, as a national museum, which he sees as an important example of how "the revolution nationalised the high culture of the past."

Perhaps the most touching of the recent spate of books in 1789 and its aftermath is Olivier Blanc's *Last Letters: Prisons and Prisoners of the French Revolution* (Noonday, 250 pp., \$9.95). Blanc stumbled almost by accident on these priceless documents, letters and notes usually written just hours or even minutes before the writer's execution in 1793 at the height of the terror. He has chosen to present some 150 letters and notes, most never

before published.

The letters are marked variously by pathos, defiance, pragmatism and protestations of innocence and provide a human dimension to the turbulent history of the terror. Blanc sets the scene with a lengthy preliminary essay describing life in the prisons, the process of justice and the kinds of people who became the revolution.

Each letter in turn is introduced by a few paragraphs of biographical material allowing us to grasp the writer's particular history and offence.

Music

IN 1789, with the change from the Ancient Regime to the Republic, almost without transition, music underwent deep aesthetic transformations, leaving the court and going into the street where its function was to accompany big national and popular events.

This new-style "revolutionary" music has been the object of two recordings on the occasion of the Bicentenary. One is devoted to "classical" music from the period, the other is more "military" in style.

Among the musicians who participated in the new musical style of the Revolution, Gossec and Mehul managed to find the most original tones, half-way between warrior's incantations and revolutionary lyricism.

Michel Plasseon, the choirs and orchestra of the Capitole in Toulouse, as well as a number of soloists (Francoise Pollet, Tibere Raffalli, Jean-Philippe Courtis, Ghislaine Raphanel, Francois Le Roux and Marcel Vanaud) are the creators of a particularly interesting recording which groups together several pages never heard before: Rouget de Lisle's "Chant du 9 Thermidor" with Berlioz's orchestration, the "Chant National due 14 Juillet 1800" with three choirs and three orchestras, and Gossec's "Innovation et Hymne a la Statue de la Liberte."

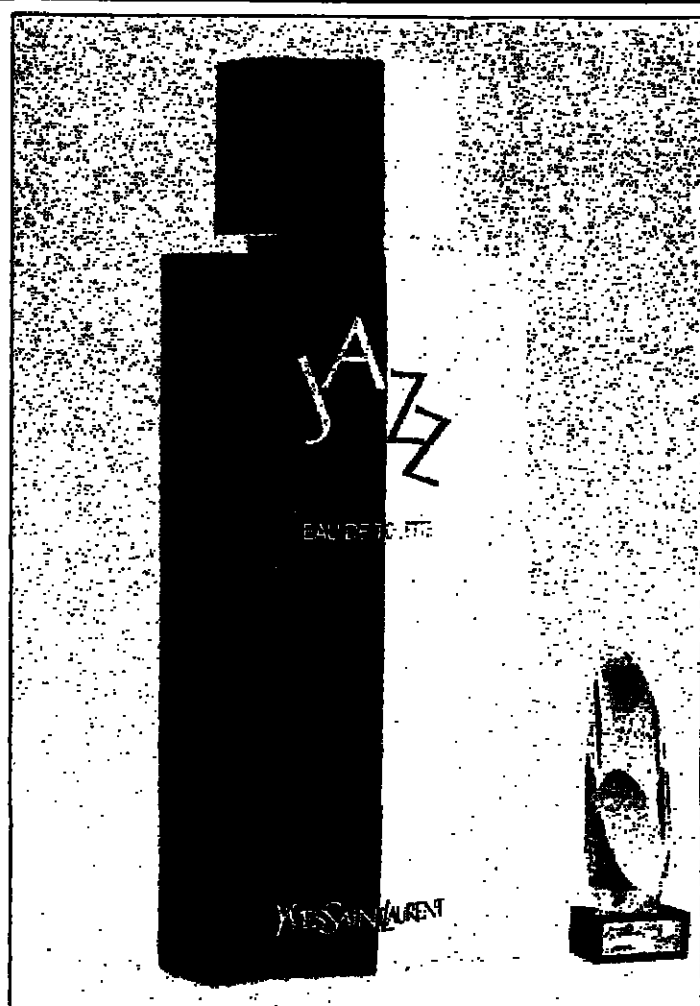
Emphatic

These compositions perfectly present the emphatic and exalted atmosphere of the revolutionary period and they deserved to be brought out of oblivion as they are authentic witnesses of the popular culture of those heroic times.

The programme is completed by the "Chant du Depart" and the "Marseillaise" (with Hector Berlioz's orchestration), in their integrity. One can also hear Mehul's "Hymne a la Raison" and the Funeral March written by Giovanni Paisiello for the funeral of General Hoche, hero of the young Republic.

Another recording, this time proposed by the Garde Republicaine, gives quite a different picture of the same period, as it is made by the Drummers' Band and the Cavalry band, and consists of strictly military compositions.

With the French army choirs we also discover a few new pages in the history of revolutionary music: Lesueur's "Chant des Triomphes de la France", the hymn sung by the people at the Bara and Viala fete on 10th Thermidor 1794, Cambini's "Hymne a L'Ebre Supreme" and Cherubini's "Hymne pour un Fete de la Jeunesse."



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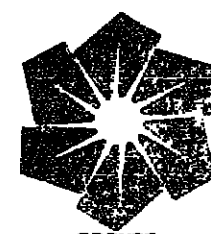
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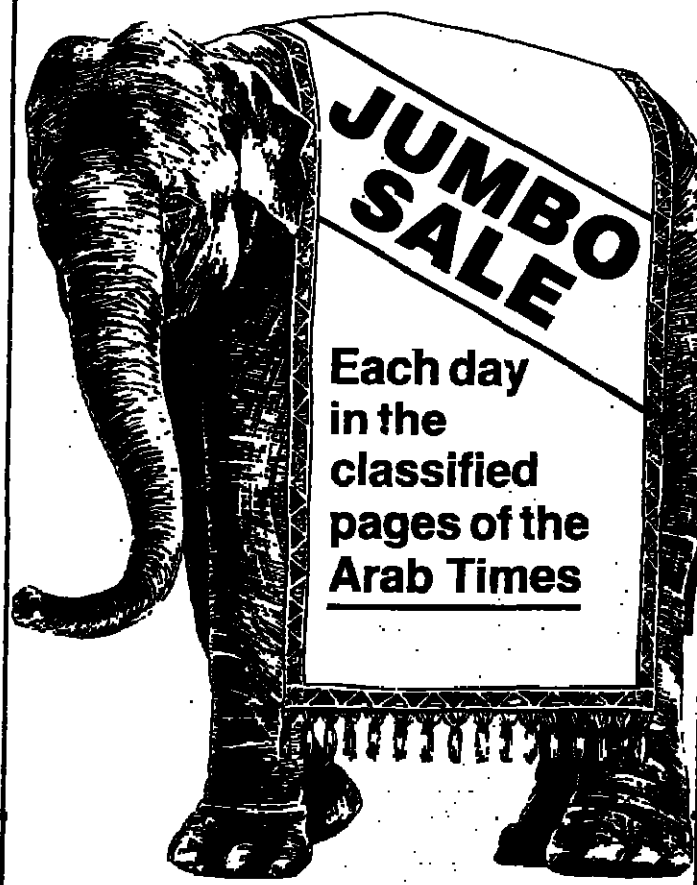
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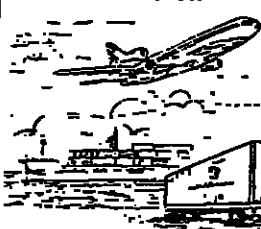
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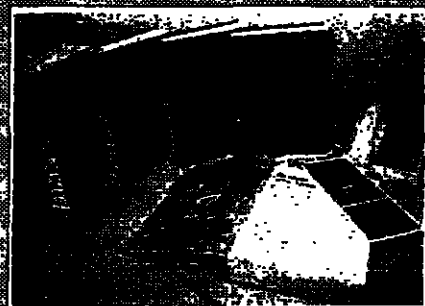
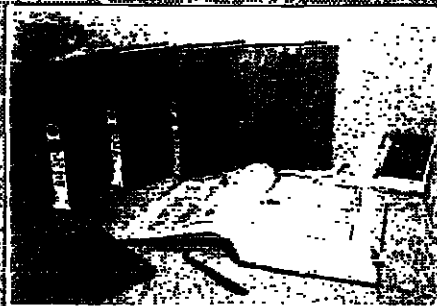
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development that was free of ideology, adding: "The world can only gain from the opening of a market as big as the Soviet Union."

Gorbachev's letter, translated from Russian to French, was addressed to Mitterrand to be

iflystly retreated compared with bilateral and regional links."

"This state of affairs does not seem justified considering the importance of our states in the world economy," Gorbachev added, referring to Moscow's Warsaw Pact allies.

"We have observed with interest efforts deployed by the seven most industrialised Western states to try to fine-tune the co-ordination of their economies to stabilise the global economy."

"This is an important premise for guaranteeing international economic security," he said.

There were several areas where Soviet and Western points of view converged, "particularly solving the problem of Third World debt."

Outlining his plans for closer East-West co-operation, Gorbachev called for co-ordination between borrowers and creditors to find new ways of granting multilateral aid to the Third World.

He also said discussions were needed quickly on harmonising economies in a way that would be acceptable to all nations.

He added he favoured studies on merging international economic institutions, apparently referring to the International Monetary Fund, the World Bank and the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade.

"We could also begin research on procedures to merge, at a global level, the different organs of macroeconomic co-ordination," Gorbachev said.



The leaders of the seven nations at the Paris economic summit pose for the traditional family photo at the glass pyramid at the Louvre on Friday. They are from left to right: EEC Commission President Jacques Delors, Italian Prime Minister Ciriaco De Mita, West German Chancellor Helmut Kohl, US President George Bush, French President Francois Mitterrand, British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher, Canadian Prime Minister Brian Mulroney and Japanese Prime Minister Sushiro Uno. (Reuters wirephoto)

Talks on aid to Poland urged

Bush wins support

PARIS, July 15, (Agencies): The world's seven leading industrial countries called today for urgent talks on aid for Poland and Hungary and condemned China for brutally crushing student demonstrations for democracy.

They asked the European Economic Community to take steps to organise a meeting in the next few weeks of all interested countries to support reforms in the two East European states.

"We underline, for Poland, the need for food aid in present circumstances," the leaders of the United States, Japan, West Germany, France, Britain, Italy and Canada said in a four-point political declaration at their economic summit.

West German officials said the meeting would involve the seven summit countries and other members of the European Economic Community, Austria, Sweden and Switzerland would also be invited to the talks.

The declaration said the Group of Seven (G-7) countries would be "flexible and forthcoming" in efforts to help Poland reschedule its \$39 billion foreign

debt.

President Bush won apparent support from his economic summit partners today for greater Western involvement in the economic development of Poland and Hungary to encourage historic reform of their communist systems.

The summit leaders used strong language against China, but stopped short of seeking further sanctions against Beijing for sending in troops and tanks to rout thousands of student protesters on June 4.

British Foreign Secretary Sir Geoffrey Howe later told reporters the leaders had discussed the "deplorable human rights situation in Romania and...grave concern about what is happening with regard to human rights in Bulgaria."

Both countries have come under fire from the West over their treatment of ethnic minorities — Hungarians in Romania and Turks in Bulgaria.

Later in the day they were due to begin considering the other summit agenda items — Third World debt, currencies, the

environment and drug peddling and money laundering.

A major issue was the approach to the Third World debt problem. President Mitterrand has endorsed a call by leaders of rich and poor countries to discuss problems of developing nations.

But the United States and Britain were firmly opposed to the idea, and West Germany expressed scepticism.

The summit issued a statement at midday today saying the governments were ready to give economic aid to Poland and Hungary in support of moves toward democracy and a free-market economy.

"There seems to be a marvellous unanimity of opinion of how to treat these East European countries," US President George Bush told reporters after an early-morning meeting with British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher.

Britain, the United States, France and West Germany have

all announced packages to ease the debt burden or otherwise help the East European countries.

The leaders "are all very anxious to help," Mrs. Thatcher said, "and are all helping each in our own way."

At the urging of West German Chancellor Helmut Kohl, the leaders broadened their appeal and called for a meeting soon of all "other interested countries," like Sweden and Switzerland, to join in helping Poland and Hungary.

The leaders noted the "urgent need for food" in Poland, and a European official said shipments of food for Poland could begin within two weeks.

Today's session also included discussion of the worrisome rise in inflation rates.

Senior officials from Mexico and commercial bank creditors have been meeting in Paris, a European Economic Community official said, but the official said an agreement was unlikely by the end of the summit, as the United States would like.

Task force planned

PARIS, July 15, (Reuters): The seven world leaders attending the Paris economic summit agreed today to set up a financial task force to track down the proceeds of drug trafficking.

Summit officials said all seven were deeply disturbed by the problem of drugs, discussed over lunch and during the afternoon on the second day of their annual meeting.

French Finance Minister Pierre Bérégovoy told reporters it was important to take measures to trace drug money, adding: "We must show our determination, but we can't say too much."

To do that, the official said it was important to obtain specialised financial information.

Japan outlines details

Aid package unveiled

PARIS, July 15, (AP): Japan outlined further details of the nearly \$40 billion aid for the Third World and the global environment it brought to the seven-nation summit of industrialised nations.

As part of the lavish package, Japan will extend a programme to recycle its trade surpluses for the benefit of developing countries by \$35 billion, bringing the total to \$65 billion over a five-year period.

The programme, which had been scheduled to end in 1989, began in 1987 with \$30 billion in funding, of which 90 per cent has been committed, said the statement.

The recycling programme will also include an additional \$5.5 billion in funding for the Brady plan, a programme put forward by US Treasury Secretary Nicholas Brady to help indebted middle-income countries such as Mexico and Brazil.

"We are not disappointed by the reaction of summit countries," Koichiro Matsuura, director general of economic cooperation at the Foreign Ministry, told reporters. "We are satisfied."

The statement explained that the 24-nation Overseas Economic Co-operation fund and the Export-Import Bank of Japan would provide the money on an unsecured basis bilaterally or in the form of co-financing with the World Bank or other development banks.

It added that a tax-incentive scheme was being developed to "enable Japanese commercial banks to co-operate without impediments."

In the Spring, Japan also pledged \$4.5 billion in parallel lendings with the International Monetary Fund for the Brady plan.

To help indebted sub-Saharan nations, Japan has pledged \$600 million in new, non-project grant aid to be given out over a three-year period beginning in fiscal 1990, said the statement.

The money follows \$500 million in similar grants, of which 60 per cent was handed out in 1987 and 1988, it said. The remaining \$200 million will be distributed in 1989.

The statement did not say which countries would receive the new grants.

Calling for concrete moves on the environment at the summit, Japan said it would donate \$2.25 billion over three years to help developing countries with "bootstrap" projects for improving the environment.

It said the money would be given to environment-related development loans to upper middle-income countries as well as to organisations which help preserve tropical rainforests.

Japan imports 40 per cent of the timber sold after it is cut from endangered tropical forests, and has been under fire for a number of other stances such as hunting whales, allegedly funding development projects which hurt the environment, and importing products from endangered species.

The statement said Japan will also promote a global approach to the problem by sending a mission to Eastern Europe to see what Japan can contribute in this field.

The seven summit leaders buddled together today to discuss the global warming, pollution and other problems threatening the "potential destabilisation of the planet," as environmentalists challenged them to turn their talk into action.

"Rhetoric is terrific, discussions are great, but we feel it's time for specific commitments," said Rafe Pomeroy of the World Resources Institute.

Leaders of the world's seven richest nations have made the environment a cornerstone of their 15th annual economic summit.

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Kuwait volume dips

Market indices weaker in dull trading

THE Alshah index for Kuwaiti shareholding companies recorded on Wednesday an average of 38.04 points, with an increase of 0.1 point — 0.03 per cent — from last week's average. The Alshah index for non-Kuwaiti shareholding companies reached 67.41 points with a decrease of 0.12 point — 0.18 per cent — for the same period.

The trading volume for Kuwaiti shares reached 4.22 million shares (four days of trading only) at a daily average of 1.05 million shares with a decrease of 43 per cent from the previous week's daily average of 1.84 million shares.

Non-Kuwaiti traded shares reached 1 million shares (four days of trading only) at a daily average of 0.25 million shares with an increase of 1 per cent over last week's daily average of 0.248 million shares.

The value of Kuwaiti traded shares was KD0.95 million at a daily average of KD0.009 million, a decrease of 47 per cent from last week's daily average of KD 0.45 million.

The value of non-Kuwaiti traded shares was KD0.037 million at a daily average of KD0.009 million, a decrease of 36 per cent from last week's daily average of KD0.014 million.

The market continued to show signs of weak activity which was reflected in the performance of most indices in both the Kuwaiti and non-Kuwaiti markets.

However, this weakness was more pronounced in the Kuwaiti shares market. Market dealers believe that the expected changes will be postponed till after Eid Al Adha or even till the beginning of next fall.

"We believe that this stage of stagnation and weakness in the shares market which is reflected in both volume of trading and price levels provides an opportunity for studying basic important matters that affect the market. Because in times of high price levels and volume of trading it is usually difficult to interfere

due to the expected objections from market dealers."

"As we have stated at the beginning of the year, we do not expect an increase in activity or in price levels throughout the present year, except for short periods which should not be taken as an indication for the existence of a healthy market."

For the Kuwaiti shares market, the banking sector came first at 52 per cent of total trading against 48 per cent last week.

The Commercial Bank led at 68 per cent followed by The Gulf Bank at 9 per cent and Burgan Bank at 8 per cent.

The investment sector came second at 34 per cent in which National Investment Company had the lead at 48 per cent followed Kuwait Investment Projects at 28 per cent and International Financial Advisors at 24 per cent.

Third came the services sector at 8 per cent of which Mobile Telephone systems had the lead at 63 per cent, followed by Public Warehousing Company at 37 per cent.

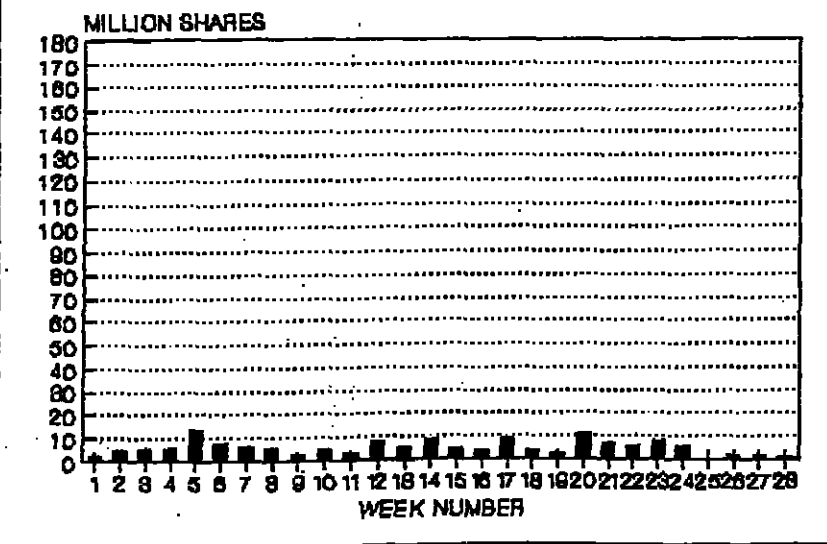
As for the non-Kuwaiti shares market, Gulf Medical Projects had the lead at 70 per cent, followed by Bahrain and Middle East Bank at 16 per cent and Arabian Investment Company at 10 per cent.

Kuwait shareholding companies index

	12/07/88	05/07/89	points
Banking Sector	112.35	112.35	—
The National Bank	31.48	31.48	—
The Gulf Bank	23.27	22.83	0.44
Al Ahli Bank	29.77	29.77	—
Bank of Kuwait & M. East	30.50	31.44	-0.94
Kuwait R. Estate Bank	28.29	28.29	—
Burgan Bank	27.06	26.53	0.52
Kuwait Finance House	76.62	76.62	—
Investment Sector	48.04	48.02	0.02
National Investment Co.	18.18	18.18	—
Kuwait Invest. Co.	11.00	11.00	—
IFA	32.35	31.62	0.74
Commercial Facilities	118.25	118.25	—
National Investments	63.73	63.73	—

	89.89	89.89	0.06
Markets Co.	37.29	37.29	—
Mobile Telephone Syst.	280.95	280.95	—
Food Sector	54.84	54.85	-0.01
Livestock Trade & Transp.	30.51	30.51	—
United Fisheries	10.62	10.62	—
Kuwait United Poultry	84.34	84.34	—
Kuwait Food Co.	68.97	68.97	—
Sector Index	38.18	38.18	—
Overall Index	38.04	38.03	0.01
Non-Kuwaiti shareholding companies index	12/07/88	05/07/89	points
First Gulf Bank	223.68	223.68	—
Bahrain Internat. Bank	86.90	86.90	—
Bahrain M. East Bank	87.32	87.32	—
Coast Inv. & Dev. Co.	78.10	78.10	—
Arabian Gen. Inv. (SHUAA)	43.18	43.94	-0.76
Umm Al Quain Cement	13.87	13.87	—
Gulf Medical Projects	21.78	21.46	0.32
Total Index	67.41	67.54	-0.12
—Base period 31/12/1982.			
—All the companies listed by the Stock Exchange under non-Kuwaiti companies are included.			

NON-KUWAITI SHAREHOLDING COMPANIES WEEKLY TRADING VOLUME FROM JAN-1 - JUL-12, 1989



Garcia praises Brady plan

LIMA, Peru, July 15. (AP): President Alan Garcia says the Third World debt-reduction plan of US Treasury Secretary James Brady, is a praiseworthy correction of the policies the United States promoted under Ronald Reagan.

Speaking yesterday to representatives of Andean Pact nations, Garcia also said "for some time now Peru's debt has been worth 6 per cent" of its total on paper. The Brady plan calls on private banks to forgive some of the debt owed them in exchange for promises that the rest of the debt would be paid.

Garcia gained notoriety in 1985 when he announced Peru would no longer deal with the International Monetary Fund and would limit its debt payments to 10 per cent of export earnings.

Peru has since suspended all payments on its \$16.5-billion foreign debt.

The country is suffering its worst economic crisis of the century, with a shrinking economy, high unemployment and hyperinflation expected to reach as high as 6,000 per cent by year's end.

AMMAN

	OPNG	CLSG
ALA-ADDIN COMPANY	2.59	2.59
ARAB ALUMINUM IND.	2.20	2.19
ARAB BANK	181.5	184.0
ARAB CHEMICAL DTR	4.54	4.58
ARAB FINANCE CORP.	1.89	1.93
ARAB INSURANCE	1.08	1.08
ARAB INT. INV/TRANS	0.68	0.69
ARAB INT. UNION INS	1.11	1.16
ARAB INT. HOTELS	1.28	1.28
ARAB JOR/INVEST/RK	2.40	2.33
ARAB PAPER CO/IND	0.35	0.34
ARAB PHARMA/MANF.	3.66	3.84
ARAB PHARMA/CHEM	2.22	2.33
ARAB POTASH CO.	---	---
ARABIAN SEAS INS.	1.65	1.65
BANK OF JORDAN	15.10	15.30
BEIT AL-MAL/BEITNA	1.26	1.26
BELGIUM INSURANCE	0.95	1.00
CAIRO AMMAN BANK	29.00	29.00
CONFECT/CHOCOLATE	1.05	1.25
DAR AL SHAAB PRESS	0.34	0.34
DAR ALDAHA DV/INV.	2.75	2.79
DARCO/INVEST/HOUS.	0.80	0.79
FINANCE/CREDIT/COR	0.75	0.71
GARAGE OWNERS OFF	4.50	4.50
GENERAL INSURANCE	2.39	2.63
GENERAL INVESTMENT	1.27	1.25
GENERAL MINING	2.10	2.10
JPMINERALS	0.75	0.75
HOLY LAND INS.	1.44	1.44
IND./MATCH JEMCO	1.28	1.32
INDSTR. DEVPT BANK	1.63	1.70
INDSTR./COMM/AGR.	1.75	1.75
INDUSTRIAL INVEST.	0.75	0.75
INTERN.COM/INV	0.13	0.13
IRBID ELECTRICITY	0.81	0.81
ISLAMIC INV. HOUSE	0.64	0.64
ITERMED/PETRI/CH	2.21	2.27
J.TOUR-SP COMPLEX	0.79	0.80
JERUSALEM INS.	1.26	1.29
JO TOBACCO/CIGARET	19.50	19.50
JOR CERAMIC FACTOR	2.25	2.32
JOR EAGLE INS.	25.05	25.05
JOR ELECTRIC POWER	1.26	1.44
JOR FINANCE HOUSE	1.20	1.27
JOR GLASS INDUSTRY	1.11	1.07
JOR HOTEL TOURISM	2.18	2.18
JOR INDUSTRY CHEM.	2.43	2.45
JOR INS AND FIN.	1.20	1.20
JOR LEASING CORP.	0.79	0.83
JOR LIM BRICK	0.14	0.15
JOR MANAG/CONSULT	0.50	0.50
JOR NATIONAL BANK	2.47	2.47
JOR PAPER CARDBROG	4.45	4.66
JOR PHOSPHATE MINS	4.10	4.15
JOR PIPES MANUFACT	2.36	2.40
JOR PRESS/PUBLISH.	1.79	1.72
JOR PRINTING/PACK.	4.25	4.25
JOR ROCK WOOL IND.	1.31	1.31
JOR SECURIT CORP.	1.12	1.11
JOR SELPHO CHEM.	2.17	2.17
JOR WOOD INDUSTRY	2.95	2.91
JOR WORTED MIL.	6.79	6.75
JOR KUWAIT AGR	0.90	0.85
JOR. PETROLEUM REF	7.90	7.85
JOR. FRENCH INS.	2.65	2.65
JOR. INV. FIN. CORP.	2.30	2.28
JORDANIAN GULF REAL	0.34	0.34
JORDAN DAIRY	1.17	1.17
JORDAN GULF BANK	1.07	1.07
JORDAN GULF INS.	0.94	0.95
JORDAN INSURANCE	3.23	3.23
JORDAN ISLAMIC BAK	2.24	2.24
JORDAN KUMAIT BANK	1.40	1.40
JORDAN TANNING	1.96	2.00
LIVESTOCK/POULTRY	0.71	0.74
MACH/EQU/RENT/MAIN	0.88	0.88
MAS INDUSTRIES	0.73	0.73
MID EAST EXCHANGE	1.17	1.11
MIDDEL EAST HOTEL	0.55	0.55
MIDDEL EAST INS.	2.00	1.90
MINERALS RESEARCH	0.79	0.83
NAT. FIN. INVEST CO	1.89	1.86
NAT/CABEL/WIRE/MF	2.83	2.97
NATIONAL ARIA INS	1.43	1.45
NATIONAL INDUSTRY	1.00	0.95
NATIONAL PORTFOLIO	1.36	1.36
NATIONAL STEEL	2.68	2.67
ORIENT DRY BATTERY	0.25	0.28
PETRA BANK	2.25	2.20
PETRA JOR. INS.	0.35	0.35
PHILADELPHIA INS.	1.37	1.34
PRECAST CONCRETE	0.73	0.75
RAFIA INDUSTRIAL	1.91	1.91
REAL ESTATE INV.	0.66	0.66
SHIPPING LINES	1.30	1.31
SPINNING WEAVING	1.35	1.36
THE HOUSING BANK	1.85	1.84
UNITED INSURANCE	1.21	1.22
UNIVERSAL CHEM. IND	3.37	3.40
UNIVERSAL INS.	0.65	0.68
WOOLEN INDUSTRIES	0.85	0.85
YARMOUK INSURANCE	1.35	1.35

Economy likely to stumble

Investors sustain rally on hopes of soft landing

NEW YORK, July 15. (Agencies): Wall Street investors ended the week considerably richer after a rally lifted stocks to new post-crash highs on the view that the economy may stumble, but not enter a recession.

The US economy is weakening — a spate of data released on Friday left no doubt of that as June retail sales fell and industrial capacity declined for the second month in a row.

But economists say the weakness has a positive aspect in that it could subdue inflationary pressures by the end of the summer. At the same time, falling interest rates should ease the sting of an economic slowdown for American corporations as their costs of doing business will drop.

This scenario reassures investors who had feared a recession was looming and enabled them to proceed with their buying spree.

By Friday afternoon the Dow Jones industrial average had chalked up 115 points after two weeks of uninterrupted

gains. It finished up 16.50 points on Friday at 2,554.82, its third straight high since the crash in October 1987.

The average was up 66.96 points for the week.

"You have to go back to 1987 to find a run like this," said Ralph Bloch, chief technical analyst at Raymond James and Associates in St Petersburg, Florida.

The market's rally also reflects increased confidence that the Federal Reserve will loosen its grip on credit to prevent a significant contraction in the economy.

"The fear of recession is abating because the Fed is in the process of lowering interest rates and pulling back from the edge of monetary overkill," said Hugh Johnson, chief investment officer at First Albany Co.

Although analysts detect some signs of fatigue in the market after its nine-session winning streak, many economists expect stocks to rise further in the weeks to come.

"There is no reason to do anything but go up for a while longer," said Allen Sinai, chief economist at Boston Co. and Economic Advisors Inc. "Today's data contain a greater hint of possible recession, but not enough to scare the stock market."

The market stumbled on Friday morning, however, as traders were unsure how to interpret a stream of economic reports issued by Washington.

At one stage, the Dow index fell back 26 points as a surprising 0.7 per cent jump in June's core wholesale inflation rate and weaker industrial production raised the spectre of "stagflation."

The Federal Reserve reacted to the economic data by draining reserves from the banking system, signalling that it did not intend to drive interest rates down as quickly as the financial markets had hoped.

But the stock market absorbed the day's setbacks on the view that the trend of lower interest rates is intact.

"It's not a question of whether the Fed will ease, but when," said Oppenheimer and Co. market strategist Michael Metz.

Investors have had ample chance to brace themselves lately for the likelihood that earnings reports aren't going to be as impressive as they have been during the past couple of years.

To cite a prominent example among the industries whose earnings are closely tied to the business cycle, auto stocks have been weak for some time as it became increasingly apparent that cars and truck sales were slumping.

Still, many observers wonder how well prepared the market, which hit new highs this past week since the 1987 crash, might be for any significant and widespread earnings setbacks.

"In this cycle, stocks may have waited to fall in the face of earnings disappointments, rather than in anticipation of them," said Edward Kerschner at PaineWebber Inc.

The question goes beyond whether results for the second quarter itself measure up to expectations.

If profit growth has indeed passed its peak and is starting down, many analysts will be scrutinising the current figures to try to gauge how much they should revise projections for the third quarter and beyond.

"We expect that modest disappointments in the cyclical industries will evoke major earnings estimate reductions," said John Connolly at Dean Witter Reynolds Inc. "Analysts will seize the opportunity to get their estimates down at this very convenient juncture."

"Of greatest interest will be the reaction of cyclical stock prices," Connolly added. "At best they will be neutral (compared with) the general market. The other possibility is that they could tumble."

Volume on the Big Board averaged 160.26 million shares a day, up from 125.86 million a day in the previous

week. Corporate earnings reports for the next few quarters may well turn out to be a deciding factor in the debate over Wall Street's popular "soft landing" hypothesis.

Believers in this script argue that the Fed will be able to slow growth and restrain inflation without causing a recession and an accompanying slide in business profits. But sceptics still regard that as a difficult mission.

At Merrill Lynch, chief economist Donald Straszheim still projects 5 per cent increases in earnings for both this year and next. But he notes that that will contrast sharply with the gains of 20 per cent and 35 per cent recorded in the past two years.

"After tax operating profits, adjusted for inventory and depreciation considerations, are likely to be flat at best over the next two years," Straszheim said. "Slower economic growth is squeezing profits."

Uno seeks to assert Japan's leadership

Premier to pledge nearly \$40b in new aid funds

PARIS, July 15. (AP): Japanese Prime Minister, a part-time poet, spoke lyrically of brotherly love in explaining his vision of the Paris summit. But beneath Souseke Uno's soft words was his determination to overcome sex and money scandals and maintain his party's hold on power.

The 66-year-old Uno, who took power only a month ago after the downfall of his predecessor, heralded his arrival in Paris for the 15th annual economic summit with lavish promises of aid for poorer nations and the environment.

To promote his plan, he quickly threw himself into a series of bilateral meetings with leaders of countries both rich and poor, ranging from the United States and Great Britain to Bangladesh and Mexico.

George Bush gave him a personal boost yesterday by suggesting they treat each other on a first-name basis, saying "close personal relations" were important for their countries' ties, Japanese officials said.

"Thank you George," said Uno as he left a short bilateral meeting.

At the meeting, the two leaders agreed to launch talks on removing trade barriers. The move gives Bush the opportunity to press Japan to open its markets further to US goods, while satisfying Japan in removing such talks from the threat of retaliation posed by the US trade bill.

Japan also spoke confidently of the strengthened role it will take in global summits. In initial years, Japan was learning how to "assume responsibility" and being criticised for its excessive trade surpluses, said chief spokesman Taizo Watanabe.

"We are now determined to be

an active member of the summit and try to contribute as much as possible to the welfare and future growth and burden-sharing of the next seven years," he said.

Watanabe said that despite the sex and money scandals, Uno, author of three books of Haiku poetry, told him he envisioned the summit as a forum for love for humanity through fighting terrorism and drugs, light for the future through economic growth and burden-sharing by helping nations in debt.

Still, Uno and his Liberal Democratic Party, which has governed Japanese politics since 1955, may be too deeply mired in problems at home to win total forgiveness from voters through debt summit work.

Political analysts were predicting the LDP would lose its majority in the upper house of the Diet (parliament) in July 23 elections in the wake of an unpopular sales tax, a widespread influence-peddling scandal and allegations Uno kept paid mistresses, including a geisha.

The allegations about Uno arose soon after he took over last month from Noboru Takeshita, who resigned as Prime Minister after accepting responsibility for an influence-peddling scandal that brought down three members of his cabinet.

Uncharacteristically for Japan, where political wives are nearly anonymous, photos of Mrs Uno and their family featured prominently in a press packet for foreign media at the summit.

At the summit, Uno will pledge nearly \$40 billion in new aid funds, including a \$35-billion extension of Japan's programme to use its trade surpluses for the benefit of developing countries.



Souseke Uno

Canadian Prime Minister Brian Mulroney, who met with Uno Thursday, was "very impressed," with the aid figures, officials said.

Canada's Finance Minister, Michael Wilson, welcomed the

debt relief, which will be one of the discussion topics between the summit seven.

"Japan is in the position to take the lead role here," he told reporters. "They are in the strongest position from the balance of payments standpoint."

Project to produce 90,000 barrels of crude daily

Japan, Moscow agree on oil and gas venture

TOKYO, July 15. (Agencies): Japan and the Soviet Union have agreed to move forward on a long-pending project for joint development of oil and natural gas resources around Sakhalin island off Siberia, a Japanese newspaper said yesterday.

Moscow has presented a detailed plan to the Japanese government of the joint project calling for co-development of drilling and production facilities with oil production expected to begin by 1994, said the Nihon Keizai Shimbun, Japan's main financial newspaper.

A Foreign Ministry spokesman acknowledged such discussions have been taking place, but would not confirm whether a final agreement has been reached. "We were told that the final agreement was expected in

August," he said, speaking on condition of anonymity.

The Japan Export-Import Bank will finance half of the development cost of \$4 billion while the Soviet Union will bear the remaining half, the Nihon Keizai said.

The project will produce 90,000 barrels of oil daily, all of which will be exported to Japan, the paper said.

The two governments originally decided on the project in 1975, and in 1987 agreed to speed up the project.

Sakhalin is located off the eastern coast of Siberia north of the Japanese archipelago. Japan claimed the island's southern half after its victory in the Russo-Japanese war in 1904, but the Soviet Union regained the territory at the end of World War

II. Meanwhile, oil prices ended mixed after a dull, summer, end-of-the-week trading session yesterday in which traders waited for price-moving news that never came.

"There's not much you can say about today... just put today in the minus column," said John O'Connell, assistant vice-president of Refco Inc.

On the New York Mercantile Exchange, August delivery futures contracts of West Texas Intermediate — the benchmark US crude — eased 3 cents to end Friday at \$20.32 a barrel, 43 cents below last week's settlement price.

On the US Gulf Coast spot market, where oil is bought and sold for cash, WTI climbed 15 cents to \$20.35 a barrel, \$1.05

higher than a week ago.

Early Friday, traders bought WTI on fears, which turned out to be unfounded, that maintenance workers in the North Sea oil fields would resume a strike.

"The North Sea story is getting beat to death," O'Connell said.

On the Merc, unleaded gasoline lost 0.62 cent to settle at 56.84 cents a gallon, up a minuscule 0.25 cent over a week ago. Heating oil lost 0.11 cent to 49.33 cents a gallon, down 0.44 cent on the week.

During a trading week marked by summer doldrums, gasoline jumped 0.79 cent Wednesday, following the American Petroleum Institute's weekly statistical report showing a 5.2 million barrel drop in supplies last week.

Turkish exodus poses big problems

MURSALEVO, Bulgaria, July 15. (Reuters): It looks like a bumper tobacco crop. The lush green plants with their delicate white flowers have been ripened to perfection by just the right amounts of sun and rain.

But a threat hangs over the plantations that stretch into the distance. The ethnic Turks who specialise in growing this key Bulgarian export and should be harvesting it now are nowhere to be seen. They are fleeing the country in droves.

The Turks, or Bulgarian Muslims as the Sofia authorities prefer to call them, planted the tobacco and brought it to maturity. Then, just as it was ready to be picked, they left, joining the queues waiting to cross into Turkey.

Their departure has caused turmoil in some sectors of agriculture and industry for this communist state of just under 10 million people.

"For Bulgaria it's trouble, real economic trouble," says Ognian Panov, director of the Institute of Social Management in Sofia.

In Mursalevo, some 70 km (45 miles) south of Sofia, the Turks were mainly migrants from other parts of Bulgaria.

"There were 20 to 30 families here," says Liliana, a stout Bulgarian peasant woman working in the tobacco fields with a handful of friends. "They've all gone. Well, we'll just harvest it without them."

"They'll be sorry when they get there," she adds grimly, hammering in a stake with the back of a hoe to support a makeshift dam she has built to divert an irrigation channel. "They'll come back here on their hands and knees."

Bulgaria's estimated one million Turks had complained for years of cultural discrimination, especially a move begun in 1984 to make them adopt Bulgarian names.

The crunch came at the end of May when, after a series of hunger strikes and demonstrations in Turkish villages, Bulgarian leader Todor Zhivkov announced that "Bulgarian Muslims" were free to leave the country.

Taking this as a signal to go, the Turks besieged government offices to apply for passports, then headed for the Turkish frontier. About 140,000 are already estimated to have gone, with the flow continuing at about 2,000 to 3,000 a day.

Western diplomats say passport formalities are gradually getting more complicated. They say some Turks have been obliged to pay the value of the crops they are leaving behind before getting permission to leave.

Bulgarian officials say they believe some 350,000 will leave altogether, but some put it as high as 600,000 of whom about one third will be of working age.



Miguel Roig

After 6 days in office

New economy minister dies

BUENOS AIRES, July 15. (Reuters): Economy Minister Miguel Roig has died of a heart attack only six days after taking over the task of tackling the worst economic crisis in Argentina's history.

President Carlos Menem, who appointed Roig, quickly named another businessman, Nestor Rapanelli, to replace him. Rapanelli faces hyperinflation raging at 200 per cent a month.

"Rapanelli is the right man to carry on with (Roig's) economic plan," Menem, whose Peronist Party took power a week ago, told reporters at the government house.

Rapanelli, like Roig before him, was chief executive of Argentina's largest multinational, Bunge Y Born. Roig had held the post until April 1988.

Roig, 68, was an outsider who had spent the bulk of his career in business.

A chain-smoker, he died in a car while being driven back to the Economy Ministry from a party at the French embassy celebrating the 200th anniversary of the storming of the Bastille.

Death

As news of his death spread through Buenos Aires, Argentina's austral currency plummeted on the black market to 755 per dollar from 675 on Friday morning.

"Sorry, we're not selling any more," a black market operator told a queue of would-be buyers in the financial district.

Last Sunday Roig unveiled a tough austerity programme which President Menem described as "major surgery without anaesthetic" to restore order to the chaotic economy.

"Our state is broke," Roig told Argentines. He devalued the austral by 54 per cent to an official rate of 650 to the dollar and raised the prices of petrol, gas, electricity and other services by up to 640 per cent.

Roig also ordered businessmen to roll back all prices to their levels of July 3.

But prices continued to rise unchecked, with some doubling in what Menem described as "wild, bloody mark-ups."

Roig had instituted talks with businessmen to try to hammer out a pact that could hold down prices, which he forecast would triple during July.

Independent financial analysts praised Roig's plan, saying it would bolster fiscal revenue, but added that they had yet to see concrete measures to pare the state's expenditure.

The International Monetary Fund and the World Bank congratulated Roig on his initial steps although Argentina has made no payments on its \$60 billion foreign debt since April 1988.

The yawning public sector deficit is widely seen as the root cause of inflation, which reached more than 600 per cent in the first half of this year.

President Carlos Menem said late Friday the sudden death of Roig will not prevent his inflation-wracked country from correcting the course of its economy.

"We can't expect total and absolute stability now," the new president said. "There are some variables we will have to suffer, but in a few days more things will be fixed up."

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Maganto relieved - again

By Nelson Flores

LT COL Romeo Maganto, the controversial police station commander of Ermita, has been relieved of his command for the second time in 13 days, this time on the complaint of fellow policemen.

Maganto's temporary relief, which came only two days after he returned from a 10-day suspension, was handed down amid threats by a 3,000-strong brotherhood of policemen to resign en masse.

In other developments:

- The Makati police are questioning five persons, including a tomboy, in connection with the assassination of Makati police chief Col Herminio Taylor.

- Executive Secretary Catalino Macaraig urged policemen and soldiers to stop their involvement in criminal activities because it has eroded the credibility of law enforcement in the country.

- Two Manila policemen accused of "salvaging" a holdup suspect two years ago have been cleared by the National Bureau of

Investigation for lack of evidence.

Maganto's suspension stemmed from a complaint filed by one of his subordinates. Pfc. Perito Soler, who claimed he was mauled by the station commander two days ago for releasing a suspected illegal recruiter.

Brig Gen. Alfredo Lim, Western Police District superintendent, ordered Maganto's relief only a few hours after his command, WPD station 5, was cited as the police station of the year.

Maganto's relief was also his fifth in his six years with the Manila police. Last June 24, he was relieved of his post following the violent dispersal of students marching against tuition increases in Intramuros.

Maganto was reinstated last Tuesday after students reportedly refused to file charges against him before a police committee to assigned investigate the incident.

Maganto's latest suspension came with the filing of the complaint by Soler and the threat of a mass resignation by the 3,000-strong Manila's Finest Brotherhood Association, an organization of rank and file

Manila policemen who had supported Soler. Lim said a task force headed by Col Ernesto Diokno, WPD deputy superintendent, will investigate Soler's charges.

Maganto is now assigned at the WPD headquarters, Lt Col Robert Barbes, WPD intelligence chief, will take over station 5 until the final committee findings, which is expected in three days, Lim said.

Makati policemen said four of the five invited for questioning in connection with Taylo's killing were immediately cleared because they were detainees at the Paranaque and Pasig jails as suspected New People's Army guerrillas.

Meanwhile, NBI, investigators said there was no evidence that two Manila policemen, Pfc. Alfredo Salazar and Pfc. Alfredo Oprisa, killed holdup suspect Felix Marcos in cold blood, as claimed by the victim's sister.

The two policemen had claimed self-defense when they killed Marcos, who they said had tried to hold up a taxicab along Del Pilar street in Malate on July 10, 1987. Marcos' sister, Teresita, had claimed it was "cold blooded murder."



Executive Secretary Catalino Macaraig hands over to Col Romeo Maganto the award for his selection as Station Commander of the Year by the Metropolitan Police Force.

Soldiers sentenced:

Two separate courts-martial have meted out stiff prison terms to two soldiers who kidnapped and killed a snaged police victim in 1985 and a Manila policeman who shot and killed a fellow policeman in 1986.

Maj. Gen. Ramon Montano, PC chief, approved yesterday the uniform 17 years to 20 years sentences imposed on Sgt Belino, Zinam, Constable 1st Class Arnel Clavo, and Patrolman Manuel Acaya. He rected that they be confined at the National Penitentiary in Muntinupa.

Zinampan and Clavo were found guilty of homicide in the kidnapping and killing of student Alfredo Olivas Jr, a police victim, in February, 1985.

The young Olivas was walking along Earningshaw St in Sampaloc with some fellow students when they were almost sideswiped by a car, prompting the latter allegedly to shout at its occupants.

The car came back, two men alighted, and manhandled Olivas inside a car. The boy's body was later found in Los Banos, Laguna.

Witnesses identified Zinampan as the one manhandled Olivas and threw him inside the car while Clavo held his companions at bay with a gun. Acaya, on the other hand, was found guilty of killing patrolman Arnel Clavo, also of the Western Police District.

Ruth Innocencia, the victim's 13-year-old daughter, testified that she saw Acaya shoot her father four times in front of a store near their house on the night of November 4, 1986.

Newsman's kidnap condemned:

The Task Force to Save the Media Worker accused a Manila police officer and policeman of trying to abduct a journalist who had exposed the liquidation of three poor leaders.

Filed with the Commission on Human Rights, the complainant cited evidence to show that the police officer, Omer B. Almenario, by a policeman and three vigilantes allegedly on orders of Lt Col Romeo Maganto, former commander of Manila police precinct 5.

The action on Almenario's case was announced at a press conference convened by the Task Force at the National Press Club to protest what called the "fast emerging pattern of media repression" over the last weeks.

Lawyer Ricardo Valmonte, Task Force counsel, said Almenario went into hiding after his brush with armed men who were reportedly assigned to "salvage" him after a series of exposures on abuse of policemen in the demolition of squatter shacks in Intramuros.

Soldier shot:

An army soldier was killed and a son of the restaurant owner where he was drinking was seriously wounded when a man with a revolver shot them in San Juan, Batangas.

Pfc. Roger Fampago, 24, of San Narciso, Zambales and assigned at 1st Army Engineering Brigade in San Juan, Batangas, died on the spot on several gunshot wounds in the face and body.

Benjamin Ayap, 25, son of the restaurant owner, got a bullet wound in the face.

The gunman escaped after the shooting, police said. The incident happened at 9 pm inside Watty's Restaurant in Riverde Subdivision, Barangay Calit-Calit, San Juan, Batangas.

Policemen recovered from the crime scene two empty shells of .38 caliber.

Graves dug up:

Four bodies of alleged victims of New People's Army (NPA) atrocities were dug up recently by the military in two separate graves in Atimonan, Quezon.

In his report to Brig. Gen. Alejandro Galido, chief of the Southern Luzon Command (SOLCOM), Lt Col Mascara Dumaob, battalion commander of the Army's 31st Infantry Division, said the NPA killing field was located in Barangay Matanag, 17 kilometres from the Atimonan town proper and eight kilometres from the nearest barangay road. Barangay officials said two of the bodies were those of a member of a Civilian Home Defence Force (CHDF) and a civilian who refused to give assistance to the rebels.

The other two bodies reportedly belonged to NPA members who were suspected by their comrades as deep penetration agents (DPA) of the government.

Military assets had earlier informed the 34th Infantry Division that 4 victims of NPA atrocities had been buried in shallow graves in Atimonan, Quezon during the past two years.

The diggings were witnessed by a rebel returnee identified as Rosalie Vilares, alias Ka Mabel.

Last month the military dug up the bodies of 50 victims of NPA mass burials in several graves in Kalayaan, Laguna and Mauban, Quezon.

Robbers identified:

Two of the five men who robbed the United Coconut Planters Bank (UCPB) branch on P. Tuzon St in Cubao, Quezon City of P2.1 million last week have been identified by the police.

Investigators refused to name the suspects but released copies of sketches of their faces and said they are in the list of wanted criminals.

Lt. Jaime Peralta said detectives are now in pursuit of the suspects. Five men, two of them armed with Uz machine pistols, barged into a bank at 9.10 am and fired as they disarmed guard Oscar de Vera, 30, and his partner.

The bank employees refused to open the vault. But cashier Marita Fay, 29, was forced to do so when one of the suspects threatened to blow up the bank with a grenade.

When the robbers were about to flee, they saw that the driver of their stayaway car had fled so they commandeered the car driven by Amor Confado and abandoned it at the corner of Mariveles and Calbayog roads in Mandaluog.

Judge dismissed:

A Pasay City trial court judge dismissed by the Supreme Court for rendering a manifestly erroneous decision was reinstated by the high tribunal after it ruled he had been properly primaried and had repented.

More buses for Metro

By Brenda P. Tuzon

TRANSPORTATION Secretary Rainerio O. Reyes said yesterday 54 provincial buses will be plying Metro Manila routes starting Monday as an added emergency measure to ease the transportation crisis in the metropolis.

At the same time, Reyes ordered Restituto Aquino, general manager of the Metro Manila Transit Corp. (MMTC), to field 30 Love buses on special runs after 8 p.m., also starting Monday, in at least 10 critical areas to help commuters who usually are forced to wait up to late at night to get their rides home.

Reyes also announced the arrival of 55 made-in-China buses within the next 10 days, the first batch of 700 new buses purchased from China and Japan. The new buses will all be concentrated in Metro Manila.

Among the provincial bus firms which will service Metro Manila routes are Philippine Rabbit, Titran, Victory Liner, Pantranco North, Philtranco, Baliwag, Superlines, Times Transit, Dalin, Sunshine, Franco and Viron Transit, all members of the Provincial Bus Operators Association of the Philippines (PBOAP).

Chairman Remedios Fernando of the Land Transportation Franchising and Regulatory Board (LTFRB) informed Reyes that the 54 provincial buses will be in addition to the 117 provincial buses already allowed by the LTFRB to run in Metro Manila.

The MMTC has also rehabilitated 128 old buses and private operators and have 248 buses, including trailer and tandem buses, to ply Metro Manila's thoroughfares.

But Reyes said the present fleet of buses is far short of the 3,000 buses needed to efficiently service the transportation needs of Metro Manila's 8-million population.

He said the provincial buses will be primarily assigned to thoroughfares along EDSA from

Navotas to Bacalaran.

The Love buses, which will be fielded only in the evening, will be picking up passengers in the Cubao and Makati commercial centers, North EDSA, Guadalupe, Shaw Boulevard, and major points along Aurora boulevard, Quiapo and Rizal Avenue, according to Reyes.

He also said that five Love buses will be fielded at the Elliptical Circle in Quezon City to service passengers bound for Fairview I and II, the Filinvest Homes and other subdivisions along Don Mariano Marcos avenue.

Reyes expressed hope that with the fielding of the Love buses, commuters would be able to arrive home a lot earlier.

A total of 54 provincial buses will operate temporarily in Metro Manila starting Monday, while the Department of Transportation and Communications (DOTC) awaits the arrival of the first batch of buses imported from China.

The 54 buses were committed by the Provincial Bus Operators Association of the Philippines (PBOAP) during a meeting last Thursday afternoon with officials of the Land Transportation Franchising and Regulatory Board (LTFRB).

Remedios S. Fernando, LTFRB chairman, said that 14 of the provincial buses belonging to Pantranco North Express and Philtranco Service Enterprises will operate in the morning because their provincial trips are scheduled in the evening.

All the provincial buses will ply the Epifanio de los Santos Ave. (EDSA) route because their drivers and conductors are not familiar with the inner Metro Manila routes.

However, the Metro Manila Transit Corp. (MMTC), which operates most of its units along EDSA, will pull out some buses from the EDSA route and field them in the inner routes, including those passing through Quiapo, Fernando said.

She cited the provincial operators for offering to help alleviate the difficulties of commuters caused by the transportation crisis.

Government agencies fail to reach goals

NEARLY half of the 20 regular government departments failed to meet their target goals for the first quarter of this year and President Aquino plans to call a top-level meeting next month to correct the shortcomings, Press Secretary Adolfo Azcuna said.

Azcuna said a review of the Cabinet performance showed that just slightly over 50 per cent of the total number of departments met their targets set in November last year after the first 1,000 days of the Aquino administration.

"We plan to hold a strategic planning seminar when President Aquino returns from his trip to Europe (next month)," Azcuna told a news conference after the regular Cabinet meeting where the department secretaries were required to submit performance

reports.

He said among those which failed to meet their targets were the Departments of Agrarian Reform, Public Works, the Armed Forces in so far as peace



Azcuna

and order is concerned, Finance in regard to customs and revenue collections and local government.

After citing the failures and accomplishments of her first 1,000 days in office late last year, Aquino vowed to improve government record during the remainder of her term which will end in 1992.

Her targets include a 6.5-per cent annual growth rate, at least one million new jobs a year, single-digit inflation, adequate international reserves and reducing poverty incidence to 45 per cent of the population from 56 per cent last year.

On top of the list of the poor reformers is the agrarian reform department which registered a 41.62 per cent accomplishment rate in its job to acquire and distribute land.

Authorities arrest 4 suspected gunmen

No firefight at the beach

By D. Veridiano

INVESTIGATORS said that there was no firefight at a Masbate beach resort where the province's former acting governor, Jolly Fernandez, was seriously wounded last June 29.

At the same time, Constabulary authorities also said that four suspected gunmen, all security escorts of Masbate Gov Emilio Espinosa Jr., have been arrested by agents of the Criminal Investigation Service and are now undergoing investigation.

Brig. Gen. Carlos Malana, Constabulary inspector general, said there was no firefight at the beach, debunking the claim of Espinosa that it was Fernandez's group that started the firefight.

"It was Espinosa's group who fired at Fernandez's group," Malana told Maj. Gen. Ramon E. Montano, Constabulary chief upon arrival from Masbate where he led the investigation of the incident.

Malana said civilians' testimonies and material evidence clearly showed there was no firefight.

Civilian witnesses said not one in the group of Fernandez was armed at the time of the firefight, Malana said.

Malana brought pictures of bullet holes on coconut trees which indicated that firing came only from where the Espinosa group was positioned.

"All the bullet holes on the trunks of the trees were facing on one direction only... from the Espinosa's position," Malana told reporters.

Malana's report said Fernandez and 10 others were on the pumpboat Triple J and were approaching the shore when they were fired upon by about 20 of Espinosa's men.



Malana

agreed to comply with the order of payment issued by the DAR secretary.

Youth job scheme launched

PARANAQUE, Metro Manila

The practical arts department of Olivarez High School on Sucat Road, this town, in a collective effort to make education as a meaningful vehicle to attain economic stability and industrialization, launched yesterday a "manpower skill development programme" (MSDP) by entering into a tie-up agreement with the town's industrial firms.

The agreement involves an apprenticeship of six months, utilizing students with expertise.

They will be given cash allowances by the management of Tupperware, Universal Hat Factory, Winner Footwear, and Solid Circuit, a manufacturer of semi-conductor products, it was



Olivarez announced by Dr Pablo R. Olivarez and Angelita R. Samson, the president of Olivarez

College and principal of Olivarez High School, respectively.

Olivarez and Samson said that students can be employed permanently after their apprenticeship. They said that even the dropout students harassed by financial problems will be given priority. This will enable them to have gainful occupation even after their second year of third year in high school.

As this developed, the parents of the more than 2,000 youths who were earlier employed by industrial firms through the help of Olivarez, lauded the industrial-educator for his sincere concern for children who were denied employment in government offices.

Stock sale

BENGUET Corporation announced that PCGC confirmed its instruction given to Benguet Management Corporation to proceed with the sale of 8.22 million common A shares of Benguet Corp. which the Sandiganbayan said could be sold in its resolution promulgated on June 20, 1989.

The 8.22 million shares represent 18.5 per cent of the present total issued and outstanding shares of the company. About 5.92 million shares will be sold by public auction to the highest bidder and the balance to the employees if they so desire.

Otherwise, these shares will also be sold at public auction.

4 bills to correct CARP flaws

Need to reverse current situation

THE committees on agrarian reform of the House and the Senate asked President Aquino to certify as urgent four bills designed to correct the defects in the Comprehensive Agrarian Reform Program (CARP).

Sen. Heherson Alvarez and Rep. Edoel Lagman, the committee chairmen, told the President in a letter that the immediate passage by Congress of the proposed measures will restore the integrity of the land reform law which was tainted by the Garchitorena land scandal.

Copies of the bills were also sent to DAR Secretary Miriam Defensor-Santiago.

Among the proposals recommended for presidential certification were:

- A bill requiring the approval of the Presidential Agrarian Reform Council on all acquisitions of private agricultural lands under the CARP through voluntary offer to sell or summary administrative proceedings where the price involved is P10 million or more.

- A bill requiring the participation of intended farmer-beneficiaries of private agricultural lands under CARP in the identification and valuation of the property.

- A bill requiring the participation of the Provincial Agrarian Reform Council (PARCOMM) in the valuation and processing of all voluntary offers to sell private agricultural lands under the CARP; and

- A bill requiring the Land Bank of the Philippines (LBP) to be the buyer of last resort of all private agricultural lands subject to CARP foreclosed by any bank or financial institution, whether private or a governmental-owned or controlled, including rural banks.

Alvarez said there is need to reverse the current situation by limiting the power and discretion of the DAR secretary to approve the purchase and order of payment of all land acquisitions amounting to P10 million and above.

He said results of the inquiry into the Garchitorena case showed that the questionable transaction would have been consummated had the LBP



Alvarez

PC man held for activist's 'salvage'

THE National Bureau of Investigation identified three Constabulary soldiers as the primary suspects in the "salvaging" of a student activist and the torture of another last year.

J. Antonio Carpio, NBI director, identified the suspects as C2C Dioscoro Ambagay, Sgt. Arnel Jaconson and C2C Ramon Clavo, all previously assigned with at the military detachment of the Capital Regional Command near Malacanang.

Ambagay was arrested last Wednesday. Jaconson and Clavo are still at large.

Carpio said the three PC soldiers were among those who abducted Reynaldo Francisco, 20, and Hilario "Jon-Jon" Bustamante, 18, on March 19 last year.

Francisco was found dead two days later in Dagat-Dagatan, Malabon. Bustamante was found semi-conscious nearby with hack wounds in the neck and signs of beating. Four other activists who were abducted with them are still missing.

They were pasting anti-bases and anti-nuke posters on Taft avenue when they were abducted.

Ambagay was arrested last Wednesday by a team of NBI agents led by Salvador Ranin, NBI director for Metro Manila, and lawyer Pete Rivera in Cagayan de Oro City.

NBI agents said they arrested Ambagay after three witnesses, including his girlfriend, identified him as one of the three suspects.

Ambagay's girlfriend contacted Rivera after reading the May 21 issue of the Inquirer, which carried a story about Bustamante, who had left the country and

joined the National Democratic Front office in Utrecht, the Netherlands. She later told NBI agents that she had known of Ambagay's alleged participation in the crime since last year. She added that she "betrayed" Ambagay because he had been mistreating her.

Carpio said Maj Gen Ramon Montano, PC chief, had ordered the arrest of the two other suspects.

In an interview with newsmen, Ambagay admitted his participation in the case but declined to elaborate.

● The NTC had earlier filed administrative cases against violators, including Sulpicio Lines, Inc., owner of the ill-fated *MY Dona Paz* which sank on Dec. 20, 1987 in history's worst sea disaster.

● The NTC has appealed again to technicians of the broadcast media to help the government stop the "pollution of the airwaves."

ZAMBOANGA CITY: Pirates aboard two pump boats swooped down on a coastal village in an island off Basilan and killed seven Muslim fishermen.

Authorities said the fishermen had just had breakfast and were preparing to sail out to sea when the pirates came and massacred them.

A lone survivor, identified as Suarani Habagat, 27, told newsmen the pirates, armed with M-16 rifles, started firing as they landed on Kalolop village on Tilas Island. He said the pirates took all their personal belongings.

Habagat identified six of the fatalities as Saudi Samarani, Julhari Baulod, Hadjari Julgane, Abdul Cain Hadjirul, Hadjarani Tandawal and a certain Manding. He added that he and the victims are all from Rio Hondo, a Muslim village in the city.

Meanwhile, another group of pirates also attacked a pump boat Wednesday off Suwang Daylahad, Sitangkay, Tawi-tawi, killing one person.

A report sent to Reom 9 headquarters here said another passenger of the pump boat jumped into the sea and was still missing as of last night.

The report identified the fatality as Akmal Harun of maimbung, Sulu.

COTABATO CITY: Elements of the outlawed Moro National Liberation Front blasted four concrete bridges in Sultan Gumander, Lanao del Sur this week as they fled from heavy military pursuit operations triggered by the killing of seven Army soldiers, including a lieutenant in the area last week.

Military authorities, here confirmed the blasting of only one bridge, but civilian sources said there were three more bridges destroyed by the rebels to delay Army ground troops backed later by air strikes in the area.

Sultan Gumander residents who sought refuge here said the rebels, led by a certain Kumander Mubarak, used "sophisticated" bombs in blasting two concrete bridges in barangay Liangan Monday and two others in barangays Bulokaang and Maliko.

They said the bridges, which government engineers valued at more than P5 million each, were totally destroyed.

As this developed, they said the embattled town has become inaccessible to land transportation.

The military operations, believed to be still going on the area, resulted from the killing of 2nd Lt Benedito Cuanan, a fresh Philippine Military Academy graduate, and six of his men.

BONGAO: Tawi-Tawi: Some 2,000 households in this province are expected to enjoy the benefits of electrification before the year ends.

During his recent visit here, Administrator Rodrigo E. Cabrera of the National Electrification Administration (NEA) announced that Tawi-tawi Electric Cooperative, Inc. (TAWELCO) plans to extend reliable 24-hour electric service to at least two more barangays to boost the national government's total electrification programme in line with President Aquino's commitment to this remote province.

Cabrera disclosed that TAWELCO will install several kilometres of primary distribution lines and extend lateral lines to energize barangays Nali and Pangasinan of this town. He added that plans are under way for the acquisition of power generating sets to provide electricity to Simunul, Sitangkay and four other island municipalities here.

LAS PINAS: Six armed men in fatigue uniforms held up two armoured cars of the Bank of the Philippine Islands along the coastal road in Las Pinas and fled with at least P4.5 million in cash. A bank employee was wounded during the robbery. Police said the robbers, aboard two cars, blocked the armoured cars at about 3 pm while on their way to Manila from collecting money in Laguna and Cavite. The report said the guards, all armed with handguns, did not resist the robbers, who fled towards Manila.

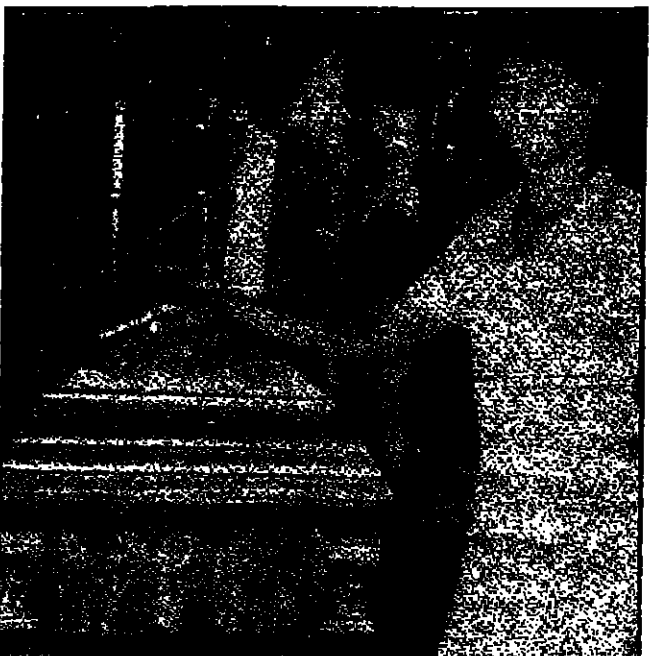
MANILA: The Metro Manila Commission (MMC) will offer Hepatitis B vaccines at discounted prices to high-risk groups such as government health workers.

Dr Liwanag Godinez, acting executive director of the

MMC health operations centre, said the prices will be 50 per cent lower than vaccines sold by drugstores at P200 to P500 per dose.

Godinez said their move was prompted by complaints that the high cost of vaccines "makes it difficult for the low-income earner" to be immunised from the disease.

The World Health Organisation reported recently that about six million Filipinos carry the virus that could be passed on to others.



De Vera and one of his coffins.

LUCENA CITY: Alejandro De Vera may well be on his way to making his first million. And with luck, sooner than it took him to break away from the hand-to-mouth existence he had been through in the 1970s, when he worked as a novice painter-carpenter.

"I used to watch a painter-carpenter make coffins many years ago," he recalls. "After awhile, I learned enough to work for him." Not long after, De Vera was on his own making the rounds of funeral parlours in Lucena City's first and only coffin-maker was in business from then on, selling his wares as fast as he drove the last nail on each.

Today, De Vera—with his wife doing the linings for the coffins' inner walls, two men assisting him in the carpentry work, and a battered Ford Fiera he uses as a delivery van—operates in a ramshackle workshop built out of scrap GI sheets on a tiny patch of land at the city's Capitol Homesite.

"I produce about 20 coffins each month," he says. Business is so brisk he would have loved nothing better than to increase his output but, for want of an adequate work space and a reinforced workforce, he can't.

Even so, selling 20 coffins a month is nothing to snuff at. At P1,200 per coffin, and P4,000 for the fancier models, plus another P1,000 for the use of a set chrome-plated lighting fixtures during the wake, De Vera's monthly gross adds up to handsome dropouts in one of the country's worst poverty-stricken areas; nearly a million of the 1.5 million population of Quezon province, including its capital, Lucena City, live below the poverty line.

De Vera is looking forward to getting another loan to enable him to move to a more spacious site, buy new equipment, and hire more men. About time, too. What with the province's booming coffin-making industry which, he insists, has no bearing whatsoever on the insurgency.

The man could be right. Whoever heard of executioners in the so-called killing fields bothering with such niceties as coffins?

MANILA: Immigration agents arrested a Japanese suspected of being a member of the Yakuza Gang hunted by the International Police.

Immigration Commissioner Miriam Defensor Santiago said the agents arrested Hideaki Kiba at the Bayview Prince Hotel on Roxas Blvd., Ermita, with a girl known only as Jo Ann.

Records showed that in 1988, the Commission on Immigration and Deportation sent Kiba back home on charges filed by his Filipino wife, Deosene Gamilong, who said that he is a member of the Yakuza.

Gamilong said that Kiba exported guns and that he is a drug dependent.

Acting on her complaint, immigration agents arrested Kiba whose visa had already expired.

After his arrest, Kiba offered to leave the country. His name was included in the blacklist because under the law, a deportee is forever

barred from entering the country.

Despite the blacklist, Kiba returned early this year.

COTABATO CITY: Government authorities here have seized some P2.5 million worth of smuggled vehicle spareparts and other banned items brought in through the barter trade centre here this week, a top local military official said.

This developed as the local Constabulary Highway

Patrol Group here announced the seizure of 168 "chop-chop" vehicles along the highway in Sultan Kudarat. Col Orlando Soriano, chief of the Cotabato Internal Defence Command, said the contraband were intercepted by customs and military operatives while being unloaded from MV Alexander, MV Moises and MV Sea Raider, all international vessels plying the ports of Singapore and Maguindanao.

Being stored for safe keeping at the military supply depot at Awang, Dinang in Maguindanao are 1,475 sets of assorted vehicle spares, 12 pieces truck tire resins, 12 transmission housings with gears and two water pumps.

ANGELES CITY: Thousands of residents in at least seven barangays here and Malabacat, Pampanga have warned of mass evacuation after some 1,000 Army soldiers established military headquarters which could reportedly provoke New People's Army attacks on US servicemen.

The soldiers, who arrived the other week to augment security forces of the Clark Air Base Command, (CABCOM), pitched tents Thursday in Barangays Sapang Bato and Cutcut in the city and Barangays San Francisco and Sta Maria in Malabacat town, where curfew has been imposed at 10 pm.

The soldiers will apparently stay on indefinitely.

The arrival of the Army troops from the 69th Infantry Battalion followed the news release last week of the Angeles Metropolitan District Command that the communist guerrillas are targeting for liquidation at least nine American servicemen assigned at Clark Air Base.

Despite fears of residents, the soldiers assured that their stay would be peaceful as they had been instructed by higher military officials to "befriend the residents" and help them in livelihood opportunities.

Magdalena Elias, 40, of Barangay San Francisco, said however, the residents feared that many civilians will be caught in a crossfire in the event of an encounter between government troops and NPA rebels.

MANILA: Immigration agents arrested yesterday a British national and took custody of six Filipino boys who were found in the alien's apartment.

Immigration Commissioner Miriam Defensor Santiago said Steven Mitchell, 37, was arrested at 494 Soldado St., Malate, Manila. The six boys, with ages ranging from 12 to 19, were then having dinner in the apartment.

Mitchell was lying completely naked in bed when the agents barged in his residence, CID agents said.

Santiago ordered the detention of Mitchell. He will be deported on the charge that he is a pedophile.

In his defense, Mitchell showed five written certifications by the boys' parents.

The papers said that he is the "supporter" of their respective children.

The papers were apparently written by other people.

Death haunts Siayan

SIAYAN, Zamboanga del Norte: Death still haunts hundreds of Subanon evacuees at the evacuation camp in Barangay Dumugok here as a measles epidemic claimed more lives, church and civilian sources said. The death toll has reached 105, include 68 children below 10 years old.

Subanon tribal leaders interviewed here said measles and gastric infection began late January and reached epidemic proportions in mid-April as military operations on suspected rebel strongholds sent hundreds of Subanon fleeing from their villages to take refuge here.

But Dr Carmencita Icao, Zamboanga del Norte provincial health officer, said that the figures could go higher.

She said it was possible that many had died before the epidemic was reported.

Icao, who led a medical mission last June 15, said that Subanon families do not usually report deaths in their household to the barangay captain.

A second medical mission was aborted Saturday after three days of heavy rains made the road leading to Dumugok impassable due to the overflowing of Siayan river, Dr Isabelo Cuisio, provincial health officer medical specialist said here.

Subanon tribal leaders said that the situation remained critical at the evacuation camps maintained and starvation have compounded the plight of the estimated 169 Subanon families.

Another 80 displaced families taking refuge in Marupay, Jose Dalman town are also threatened by the same epidemic which has already killed 17 people in the area, Sister Crucifina Sabandal told newsmen in Dipolog City.

The affected evacuees were part of the more than 10,000 individuals in the province displaced by continuing hostilities between New People's Army rebels and government troops, Task Force Detainees of the Philippines said.

As this developed, church-backed organisations and mediamen in the province launched separate campaigns to drum up food, clothing and financial support for the affected evacuees in the two towns.

—Joey Ybanes

New water bond

SOME 3.6 million people in Metro Manila, Rizal and Bulacan will benefit from increased water supply as a result of the biggest bond issuance in Philippine history.

President Corason C. Aquino had earlier approved the request of Metropolitan Waterworks and Sewerage System Administrator Luis V. Z. Sison to issue P2.3 billion worth of bonds (called "Angat bonds") to partly finance the local cost of the P6.7 billion Angat Water Supply Optimization Project (AWSOP). The Philippine National Bank and Union Bank will be the lead buyers.

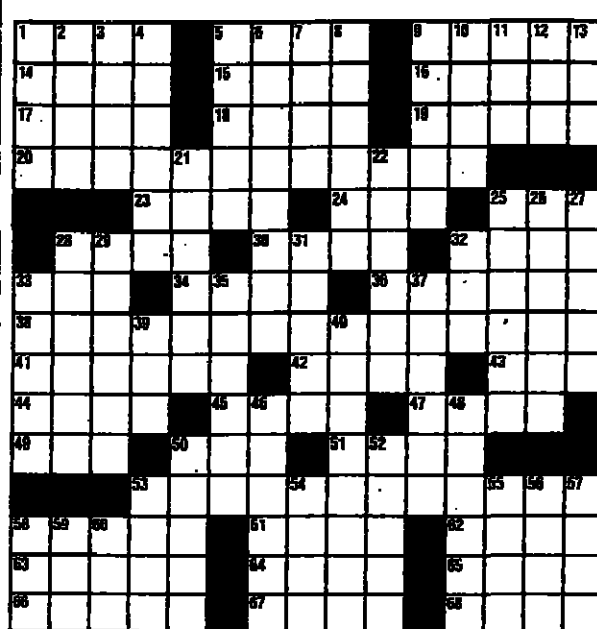
Guaranteed by the national government, the P2.3 billion bonds will complement the \$130 million loan from the Asian Development Bank, another \$40 million from the World Bank, and the equity contribution of the government.

Under the terms of the agreement among the four institutions, the MWSS will issue the bonds in ten tranches of P230 million each for a period of ten years.

Life Plan marks anniversary

PRUDENTIAL Life Plan Inc., the memorial services arm of the Prudential group, recently celebrated its 11th anniversary with a mass and the group's traditional donation to a needy community, Francisco A. Alba, Prudential group president and chief executive officer, made the donation of the Our Lady of the Abandoned Parish in Barrio Hulo, Mandaluyong. Alba exhorted the management, staff and salesforce of the group to always aim for excellence in service that made them one of the leading pre-need plan firms in the country. Aside from Prudential Life Plan, the first and flagship company of the Prudential group, the sister-firms are Prudential Education Plan Inc., Prudential Pension Plan Inc., Prudential Realty Inc. and Prudential Memorial Chapels Inc. (OMG)

TODAY'S CROSSWORD



- ACROSS**
- 1 Route
 - 5 "Don't throw bouquets—"
 - 9 West Indies dance
 - 14 Detail
 - 15 Fellow
 - 16 Hunter in the sky
 - 17 One of the Kellys
 - 18 — Hashana
 - 19 Mother
 - 20 "Yankee Doodle"
 - 23 Surprised reaction
 - 24 Seek office
 - 25 Health resort
 - 28 Oriental weight
 - 30 Lord, in Old Blighty
 - 32 Penn or Casey
 - 33 Howard or Murray
 - 34 Arona
 - 36 Gaping
 - 38 Summer holiday
 - 41 Compulsion
 - 42 The Ohra River, in Germany
 - 43 Canticle
 - 44 Vestige
 - 45 20 Across, opus
 - 47 Yen
 - 49 Evergreen tree
 - 50 Half a French dance
 - 51 Ump's cry
 - 53 "Born on the —"
 - 58 UFO passenger
 - 61 Exploiter
 - 62 Baseball's aspiration
 - 63 River to the Seine
 - 64 See 25 Down
 - 65 Porter
 - 66 Sentimentalized verse
 - 67 Seed scars
 - 68 Winter Palace occupant
 - DOWN
 - 1 Diana of "The Avengers"
 - 2 Suit to —
 - 3 Lotto's cousin
 - 4 Appear
 - 5 Farm units
 - 6 Maugham's Sadies
 - 7 Neither fern, or neut.
 - 8 Magistrates of ancient Greece
 - 9 Boston's airport
 - 10 Do a press job
 - 11 "O Sole —"
 - 12 Derek and Diddy
 - 13 Single
 - 21 Lively dances
 - 22 Kindly
 - 25 Sailor
 - 26 Event celebrating 38
 - ACROSS
 - 27 Keep — on (watch)
 - 28 Teacher's aspiration
 - 29 One of the Jacksons
 - 31 Shakespearean forest
 - 32 Sault — Marie
 - 33 Toddler, to some
 - 35 City NE of Halle, Germany
 - 37 Nape
 - 39 Brain-wave reading, briefly
 - 40 Pale yellow
 - 48 Sudden flow
 - 48 Veto
 - 50 Brooklyn's — Island
 - 52 Way to a man's heart?
 - 53 Bogs
 - 54 — Lun, inventor of paper
 - 55 Spanish ones
 - 56 "Damn Yankees" girl
 - 57 Flanders river
 - 58 Elect. unit
 - 59 Cambodian's neighbor
 - 60 Incense

GOREN BRIDGE

BY CHARLES GOREN AND OMAR SHARIF

ANSWERS TO WEEKLY BRIDGE QUIZ

Q.1—Neither vulnerable, as South you hold:
 ♠ AK762 ♥ 93 ♦ 854 ♣ 1043

The bidding has proceeded:
 North East South West
 1 ♠ 2 ♣ ?

What action do you take?
 A.—There's nothing you can do for the moment. A bid of two spades would be forcing, and could propel the auction to too high a level on a hand where you might have neither the strength nor the fit for a three-level contract. Pass.

Q.2—Neither vulnerable, as South you hold:
 ♠ Q76 ♥ Q103 ♦ Q873 ♣ Q52

Partner opens the bidding with one no trump. What action do you take?
 A.—In theory, with 8-9 points opposite partner's no trump opening, you should invite game by raising. However, we have remarked before that queens are overvalued in the point count, and here you have neither a long suit nor good intermediates to compensate. Pass.

Q.3—As South, vulnerable, you hold:
 ♠ KJ652 ♥ J62 ♦ 72 ♣ 865

The bidding has proceeded:
 North East South West
 1 ♠ Pass 1 ♣ Pass

What do you bid now?
 A.—No doubt you are sorry you ever said a word, but the one thing you can't do is pass. Your only option in this awkward situation is to take a false preference to three diamonds.

Q.4—As South, vulnerable, you hold:
 ♠ 7 ♥ AQJ6 ♦ AK85 ♣ AQ102

The bidding has proceeded:
 South West North East
 1 ♣ 1 ♠ Pass Pass

What action do you take?
 A.—Don't try to guess what suit partner has. He could have no more than length in spades. The correct action is to double. Since partner has not bid, that is for takeout, but he has the right to convert to penalties if he deems that action to be correct (highly unlikely here because of your powerhouse).

Q.5—Neither vulnerable, as South you hold:
 ♠ 762 ♥ Q10954 ♦ AK8 ♣ 63

The bidding has proceeded:
 West North East South
 1 ♠ Dbl Pass ?

What do you bid now?
 A.—With the equivalent of 10 points, you should jump in your best suit when responding to a takeout double. Here, therefore, you should bid three hearts. That action is invitational, not forcing. If you bid only two hearts, re-read the chapter on responding to takeout doubles. You might have been forced to make that bid without a single point in your hand!

Q.6—As South, vulnerable, you hold:
 ♠ 7 ♥ AQJ6 ♦ AK85 ♣ AQ102

The bidding has proceeded:
 South West North East
 1 ♣ 1 ♠ Pass Pass

What action do you take?
 A.—Don't try to guess what suit partner has. He could have no more than length in spades. The correct action is to double. Since partner has not bid, that is for takeout, but he has the right to convert to penalties if he deems that action to be correct (highly unlikely here because of your powerhouse).

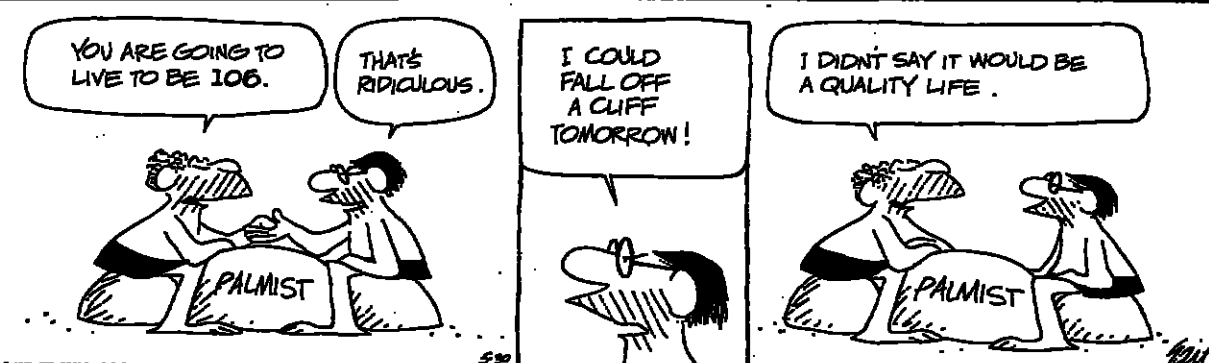
THE WIZARD OF ID

By Brant Parker and Johnny Hart



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By Johnny Hart



YOUR STARS



Aries (March 20 - April 18)

You will tend to be jealous with-out good reason and should try to restrain yourself. You are liable to rely too much on your short-term memory, don't make notes. Read the instructions again if a device does not work properly. Be more patient.



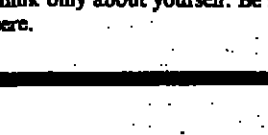
Cancer (June 21 - July 21)

Something you are worrying about is not nearly as bad as it might seem. Make sure you get enough rest and try to relax. Your lucky numbers are 21 and 55. You should avoid relying too much on others. Be reasonable.



Libra (Sept 22 - Oct. 22)

You will not have time to do all you would like to do so make sure you get your priorities right. Try to relax with a good book or some music you like. Avoid eating too many spicy foods. Be patient.



Capricorn (Dec 22 - Jan 19)

Not everything that happens around you will be to your liking. However you will know how to make the best of the situation. Avoid telling lies even "white" ones. Be sensible.



Taurus (April 19 - May 19)

You will find out how to put right something you have been doing wrong. Nothing will go quite as you would wish but it will in the end turn out to be better than you had feared. Make sure you do not do anything that would imperil your health. Be temperate.



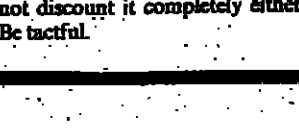
Leo (July 22 - Aug 21)

Something that you have been fearing will not now happen. However that does not mean you can throw caution to the wind. Make sure you do not exceed limits, whether of speed or propriety. Be resolute.



Scorpio (Oct 23 - Nov. 21)

It would be embarrassing to run out of cash, so try to take enough with you. However, do not leave your purse lying around. You will be able to tie up a few loose ends. Be kind.



Sagittarius (Nov 22 - Dec 21)

A problem that has been bothering you will now be easier to deal with. Make sure you do not set your children a bad example. Avoid all kinds of exaggerations and distortions. Be moderate.



Aquarius (Jan 20 - Feb. 18)

You have lots to do, but you will be able to get on with it more quickly if you spend today just relaxing. And take your mind off work. You should not think the world owes you a living. Be courageous.



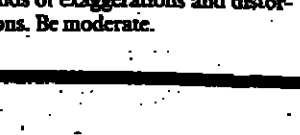
Pisces (Feb 19 - March 19)

Something on which you embarked some time ago will now come to fruition. Do not allow yourself to be misled by salesmen. Keep your eyes and ears wide open. Be less inquisitive.



Gemini (May 20 - June 20)

You will have to deal with a person who means well but is not very tactful. You should try to take your mind off work for the day. Do not think only about yourself. Be sincere.



Virgo (Aug 22 - Sept 21)

You will be able to have a pleasant day in good company. Make sure you do not spend more than you know well you can afford. Do not believe all you hear, but do not discount it completely either. Be tactful.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Cunningham killed in car crash

MADRID, July 15, (Reuters): Former England soccer star Laurie Cunningham, whose artistry on the wing took him to some of Europe's top clubs, was killed today in a traffic accident in Madrid, police said. He was 33. The car Cunningham was driving skidded, hit a lamp-post and overturned on a main road in the city's northern outskirts shortly after dawn, police said. It was not immediately clear what caused the accident.

Bereaved demand manslaughter charges

SHEFFIELD, England, July 15, (Reuters): Hundreds of people bereaved or injured in Britain's worst sporting disaster are demanding that manslaughter charges be filed against police and soccer officials, lawyers said yesterday. They said their clients were calling for criminal charges following the April 15 disaster in which 95 Liverpool soccer fans were crushed to death at the Hillsborough stadium in Sheffield, northern England.

Bengoechea still to play for Seville

RIO DE JANEIRO, July 15, (Reuters): Uruguay's Pablo Bengoechea, banned for two years after failing a dope test at the South American Soccer Championship, will continue to play for his Spanish club Seville. Bengoechea said yesterday Seville had expressed their support for him after the South American Football Confederation (CSF) suspended him on Thursday following detection of more than the permitted amount of caffeine in a urine sample.

Assault charges filed against Brazilians

STOCKHOLM, Sweden, July 15, (AP): Two Brazilian soccer players accused of beating a Swedish referee unconscious during a match were charged with assault yesterday. Alessandro Arcangel, 26, and Marcio Thomson, 33, of the Sao Paulo team Botafogo, pleaded innocent to beating referee Kaari Grundstrom at a youth soccer cup in Stockholm last Friday.

Hungary wins women's team epee gold

DENVER, Colo., July 15, (Reuters): Hungary, relying on tried and true technique, trampled Italy 9-3 to win the women's epee team gold at the World Fencing Championships yesterday. The Hungarians used classical tactics, feinting to body and leg and repeatedly scoring on forearms, to dominate from the start and run up a 5-0 lead before Italy had their first win.

Jelle Nijdam wins 14th stage of Tour

GAP, France, July 15, (Reuters): Dutchman Jelle Nijdam won the 238 km 14th stage of the Tour de France cycle race from Marseille today in six hours 27 minutes 54 seconds. Pascal Poisson of France was second and Eddy Planckaert of Belgium third. French Laurent Fignon retained the overall lead.

Alydres wins English Oaks classic

DUBLIN, July 15, (Reuters): English Oaks horse racing classic winner Aliya failed in the Irish Oaks today when she was beaten by a length by Sheikh Mohammed's improving filly Alydres. The sheikh has now won all four Irish classics this season as well as the French Derby and the English 1,000 guineas.

China beat Iran in Cup qualifier

PEKING, July 15, (Reuters): Second half goals by Liu Haiguang and Zhang Xiaowen gave China a comfortable 2-0 win over Iran in their World Cup soccer qualifier today. The victory puts China on top of Asian Zone Group Five with a maximum eight points from four matches.

Faldo already thinking of British Open

GLENEAGLES, Scotland, July 15, (Reuters): US Masters golf champion Nick Faldo of Britain admitted today his mind was not on the task at this week's Scottish Open at Gleneagles. It had already moved on to Troon, the site of next week's British Open.

Davis withdraws from Scottish Open

GLENEAGLES, Scotland, July 15, (Reuters): Australian golfer Rodger Davis became doubtful for next week's British Open when he withdrew from the final round of the Scottish Open today with a recurrence of a shoulder injury. The 38-year-old Sydney golfer has already missed eight events this year due to a trapped nerve in his left shoulder, but he returned for the Monte Carlo Open last week and tied for 14th place.

Eamonn Martin's appeal rejected

LONDON, July 15, (Reuters): Britain's Eamonn Martin, disqualified from the 5,000 metres at the London Grand Prix athletics meeting at Crystal Palace yesterday, had his appeal against the decision turned down today. Martin, who finished third, and the race winner, Mexico's Arturo Barrios, were disqualified for receiving coaching from the infield. Both appeared and Barrios was promptly reinstated, but Martin's disqualification stood.

Onyx search for big name driver

SILVERSTONE, England, July 15, (Reuters): The fledgling Onyx Formula One motor racing team is aiming for the top next season and has ambitions to sign a big-name driver and run Porsche engines, a team spokesman said today.

S. Korea calls off talks with N. Korea

SEOUL, South Korea, July 15, (AP): The South Korean government today accused communist North Korea of trying to stir up unrest and called off talks on fielding a joint team at the 1990 Asian Games in China. In a letter to North Korea, South Korea cancelled talks planned for Tuesday at the border town of Panmunjom.

Lewis not worried by Japan ban

HOUSTON, July 15, (UPI): Olympic champion Carl Lewis has insisted he is not concerned about being banned from track meets in Japan, and suggested the action might be tied to his long-running dispute with the Athletic Congress. The Japanese Amateur Athletic Federation told TAC, the US governing body for track and field, that the sprinter-long jumper would not be invited back to Japan except as a member of US international teams.

Fittipaldi takes provisional pole

EAST RUTHERFORD, New Jersey, July 15, (AP): Emerson Fittipaldi continued to tear up the Indy car circuit yesterday, taking the provisional pole for tomorrow's Marlboro Grand Prix despite having to switch to a backup car after a practice session. Fittipaldi, who comes into the race at the New Jersey Meadowlands with three straight victories and four in his last five starts, smashed his own qualifying record on the 1.217-mile (1.956-kilometre) six-turn temporary circuit.

Pugh finding singles success

NEWPORT, R.I., July 15, (Reuters): Jim Pugh, the top ranked doubles player in the world, is finding singles success at Newport and yesterday won a trip to the semifinals of the Hall of Fame championships by beating West German Christian Saceanu. The unseeded American, whose singles ranking is 63, had little trouble disposing of Saceanu 6-3 6-4 in their quarterfinal match in the \$155,000 tournament.

Athletes to be paid at Zurich

ZURICH, July 15, (Reuters): Athletes will be paid cash for placings at next month's prestigious Zurich Grand Prix athletics meeting. Promoter Rex Bruegger said yesterday it would be the first time such a cash incentive would be used at the Zurich event. Bruegger, one of the sport's most influential figures, said there would be \$250,000 in prize-money at the meeting, recognised as one of the richest and best on the Grand Prix circuit.

Yamaha appeals against Rainey verdict

LE MANS, France, July 15, (Reuters): The Yamaha team of American rider Wayne Rainey has appealed against the decision to strip him of victory in the Belgian Motorcycling Grand Prix two weeks ago. Team manager Paul Butler confirmed that he had appealed to the International Motorcycling Federation's (FIM) disciplinary committee after Rainey was relegated to third place from first in a race started three times because of heavy rain.

Longo takes lead of women's Tour

BLAGNAC, France, July 15, (AP): Two-time champion Jeannie Longo of France took the lead of the women's Tour de France as Bunkai Bankaitis-Davis of the United States won the third stage yesterday. Olympic champion Monique Knol of the Netherlands, the leader until yesterday, plunged in the standings and now is 19th, 1 minute, 28 seconds behind.

Notts beat Essex in Cup final

LONDON, July 15, (Reuters): Nottinghamshire beat Essex by three wickets in the Benson and Hedges Cup cricket final for 55 overs today. Scores: Essex 243 for seven innings closed (A. Lilley 95 not out, G. Gooch 48, M. Waugh 41). Nottinghamshire 244 for seven innings closed (T. Robinson 86, P. Johnson 54, D. Randall 49).

Australia cruise past Scotland

GLASGOW, July 15, (Reuters): Australia beat Scotland by 97 runs in their one-day 55 overs cricket match today. Scores: Australia 307 for seven, innings closed, Scotland 210 for nine, innings closed.

Johnson could lose world title

VIENNA, July 15, (Reuters): Ben Johnson could lose his world 100 metres title and world record under anti-doping laws drafted by the International Amateur Athletic Federation (IAAF). "Any world, continental or national record and any title held by an athlete who admits having committed a doping offence will no longer stand," the IAAF said in a statement today, after an informal council meeting here.

Allofs transferred to Bordeaux

BORDEAUX, France, July 15, (Reuters): West German striker Klaus Allofs has been transferred from Marseille to Bordeaux, the French daily L'Equipe said today.

Brazil and Uruguay triumph

RIO DE JANEIRO, July 15, (Reuters): Striker Bebeto inspired Brazil to a 3-0 (1-0) victory over Paraguay yesterday that put them into the South American soccer championship title match against Uruguay.

Bebeto scored in the 16th and 52nd minutes, while Romario of Dutch side PSV Eindhoven added a third goal in the 58th.

Brazil dominated for most of the final-round clash in front of about 70,000 fans at Rio de Janeiro's Maracana stadium and the combinations on the right flank between midfielder Silas and right back Mazinho brought panic to the Paraguayan defence.

Bebeto opened the scoring when he headed a Silas centre past goalkeeper Roberto Fernandez, who failed to react.

Paraguay, who began defensively, opened up after the goal by pushing another player forward, allowing Brazil more space. Eusebio Palsicio had a chance to equalise for Paraguay in the 21st minute but his shot was brilliantly saved by Taffarel.

Paraguay replaced midfielder Adelfino Capete with forward Vidal Sanabria after the break, but their attack did not improve.

In the 52nd minute, Bebeto blasted a pass from Mazinho into the top right hand corner of Fernandez's net with his left foot to put Brazil 2-0 up. The goal was Bebeto's sixth in the tournament, making him top scorer. Six minutes later, Mazinho crossed from the right wing and Romario glanced the ball home.

Brazil face Uruguay, who beat Diego Maradona's Argentina 2-0 in their final-round clash, in the deciding match today.

Striker Ruben Sosa, staking a further claim for the best player of the tournament award, scored both goals to bring his Copa America tally so far to four.

Sosa took advantage of a defensive slip to take possession of the ball on the edge of the penalty area, round goalkeeper Nery Pumpido and open the scoring in the 38th minute.

The Lazio striker added a brilliant second goal nine minutes from time. He slipped past defender Nestor Clausen on the left wing, ran about 30 metres with Jose Banualdo on his heels and beat the advancing Pumpido from a tight angle.

The River Plate classic threatened to boil over midway through the second half when Brazilian referee Arnaldo Coelho disallowed what appeared to be a legitimate Argentine goal.

Allen snatches victory in Scottish Open

GLENEAGLES, Scotland, July 15, (Reuters): Unheralded Californian Michael Allen snatched a two-shot victory with a spectacular final eight-under-par round of 63 in the Scottish Open golf championship today.

The 30-year-old San Francisco chipper in twice from off the green and once from a bunker while requiring just 22 putts, including a curling 20-footer at the last hole, to clinch victory.

"I was kind of spinning from the whole experience. I was just trying to get that last putt close. This is incredible," he said of his final putt as he waited for his nearest challengers, Briton Ian Woosnam and Jose-Maria Olazabal, to finish.

Woosnam, in the third group from last, needed an eagle three at the 18th to tie Allen but he sprayed his second shot wide and could only make par.

That left it to joint overnight leader Olazabal, also needing an eagle to force a play-off. He had to hole a long putt from off the green but left it well short and he also took five.

Jackson beats Kingdom again

Ereng and Koech show their class

LONDON, July 15, (Reuters): British high hurdler Colin Jackson beat Olympic champion Roger Kingdom for the second time this year yesterday and equalled his own European record for good measure at the London Grand Prix athletics meeting.

Jackson, the Olympic silver medalist, led from the start to clock 13.11 seconds. His compatriot Tony Jarrett snatched second place in a personal best 13.31 with Kingdom third in 13.34.

"I'm pleased with the victory and pleased with the time," said Jackson, who has now beaten Kingdom twice outdoors and once indoors.

"But I was not running perfectly. I made a mess in the middle of the race. I got away really quickly but I hit too many hurdles in the middle."

The race was restarted once after Kingdom appeared to break but Jackson said later there had been a fault with the starting mechanism.

When the race finally did get



Koech (No. 68) won the 3,000 steeplechase

away, Jackson made a flying start, then Kingdom appeared to be clawing back into the race.

But the American faded over the final metres and the strong-finishing Jarrett was able to grab

second place.

Jackson, who lost his last duel with Kingdom by 0.01 of a second in Nice on Monday, said he was now confident with his hurdling skills.

"If Roger draws level I could hold him — as long as I don't hit a hurdle," he said.

Kenyan Paul Ereng and Peter Koech gave the Crystal Palace crowd a glimpse of their exciting skills with victories in the 800 metres and 3,000 steeplechase respectively.

Ereng, the Olympic champion, was a majestic sight as he strode down the final straight to win in one minute 43.60 seconds, third fastest time in the world this year.

Pace-maker Martin Gillingham of Britain took the field through the bell in 49.97 to be succeeded as race leader by Kenyan Lucas Sang.

With 150 metres to run, Ereng lengthened his stride and swept to victory followed by compatriot Robert Kibet.

Kibet was later disqualified for running out of lane in the 30 metres before the break and

second place was given to Scot Tom McKean in 1:45.89.

Koech, who broke the world record in Stockholm on July 3, won a race which featured the first three from the Seoul Olympics plus Italy's world champion Francesco Panetta.

Yet another Kenyan, Joshua Kipkemboi, set the early pace with Koech taking over just before halfway.

The field was still bunched and Kenyan Patrick Sang challenged Koech briefly with 600 to run. Koech quickly regained the initiative and held on to win in 8:16.66.

Briton Mark Rowland, the Olympic bronze medalist, was second in 8:17.22 and Olympic champion Julius Kariuki of Kenya third in 8:17.67.

American world record holder Butch Reynolds won his first 400 metres of the year in 44.61 seconds.

Reynolds, who has been concentrating on the 200 so far this season in order to improve the first half of his race, said he had felt more controlled.

Expos overcome Reds

Smith pushes Braves past Mets

NEW YORK, July 15, (AP): Lonnie Smith, who successfully beat a drug problem, showed his comeback skills last night as he led off the ninth inning with a home run to push the Atlanta Braves past the New York Mets 3-2.

The homer spoiled a 16-strikeout performance by Sid Fernandez, a club record for a left-hander.

It was the 14th homer of the season for Smith, who had never hit more than eight homers in 11 previous Major-League seasons.

"He had to be looking for that pitch," Fernandez said of Smith's home. "It was a fastball up and on the inner half. It was what I'd been throwing him all night."

"I'm not going to make an excuse," Fernandez added. "He hit it and I lost the game."

that's all there is to it. It's a little tough, but life goes on."

Bryce Smith allowed six hits in 8-1/3 innings as the Montreal Expos beat Cincinnati at Riverfront Stadium, sending the reeling Reds to their fifth straight loss.

The victory pushed the NL East-leading Expos to 51-38 — the first time they've been 13 games over .500 this season. The Reds fell a game below .500 for the first time this year and have lost 21 of their last 30.

Pirates 7, Giants 4 — The Pittsburgh Pirates survived Kevin Mitchell's 32nd homer to beat the San Francisco Giants at Candlestick Park.

Giants' pitcher Rick Reuschel, 12-4, is winless in his last four starts since beating Hous-

ton on June 21. In five innings, he gave up five runs, eight hits, and walked five, the most he's walked in 125 starts dating back to April 8, 1986.

Results	
American League	National League
14 New York	1 Cincinnati
9 Kansas City	4 Houston
11 Texas	3 New York
13 Detroit	7 Chicago
6 California	2 Los Angeles
5 Minnesota	7 San Francisco
2 Milwaukee	4



Ayrton Senna

Senna takes pole position

SILVERSTONE, England, July 15, (Reuters): World drivers' champion Ayrton Senna of Brazil increased his record tally of pole positions to 35 today when he claimed the prime grid placing for tomorrow's British Grand Prix motor race.

Senna, in a Honda-powered McLaren, was one of the few drivers in the field to improve his overnight time in final qualifying when he clocked a fastest lap of one minute and 9.099 seconds.

He will share the front row of the grid with his French teammate and great rival Alain Prost, who currently leads the title race

by 11 points. Their grid positions exactly reverse those for last weekend's French Grand Prix won by Prost.

Prost, who will leave McLaren at the end of the season to be replaced by Austrian Gerhard Berger, managed to improve his qualifying time by almost a full second today to remove Briton Nigel Mansell from the front row.

But in McLaren's modified new car equipped with a transverse gearbox, Prost was unable to find the extra speed he needed to grab his third consecutive pole

of the year.

Senna's successful qualifying performance secured his sixth pole in eight races this year and his 19th in the last 24 Grands Prix. For the McLaren team it was the 16th consecutive pole position in a sequence they started at the West German Grand Prix last year.

Mansell, in a Ferrari, was unable to improve on his Friday time today and had to settle for third place on the grid alongside his team-mate Berger, who also failed to improve in the final qualifying session.

Al Hajri bides his time

ROTHMANS rally ace, Saeed Al Hajri, cruised his Ford Sierra Cosworth into Auckland at the end of the first leg of the Rally of New Zealand holding a comfortable top 20 place.

On a day which saw several of the front running crews having difficulties with the treacherously slippery conditions, Al Hajri paced himself wisely, ending the first section of eight special stages with barely four minutes separating him the top European crews leading this round of the World Rally Championship.

"This rain has come as a surprise," said the former Middle East champion. "It is the first time I have had to use windshield wipers on a rally for five years. The roads are very tricky, I could not describe how slippery they have to be in the top 20 places."

This is a rally I want to finish, and I think many of the cars ahead of me will not be at the final on Tuesday night."

Saeed's David Sutton-prepared Rothmans Ford Sierra has battled all day in the adverse conditions, with large pebbles covering the slippery mud surfaces of the forest tracks.

Despite these obstacles, Al Hajri has set a string of top 10 fastest stage times to keep himself in the running for a high finishing position.

Leading unofficial standings after the first of four legs: 1. Jagnar Carlsson (Sweden) Mazda 49 minutes two seconds; 2. Rod Millen (New Zealand) Mazda 50:13; 3. Ray Wilson (New Zealand) Mazda 50:16; 4. Mats Jonsson (Sweden) Opel 50:17; 5. Jimmy McRae (Britain) Ford 50:21; 6. Malcolm Wilson (Britain) Vauxhall 50:33.

King stays ahead after 36 holes

LAKE ORION, Mich., July 15, (Reuters): Betsy King, the hottest player on the LPGA Tour this year, shot even par over the difficult Indianwood Country Club yesterday to extend her lead to three strokes after 36 holes of the US Women's Open golf championship.

King, who entered the second round with a one-shot lead after an opening 67, had three birdies and three bogeys for a 71 that left her at four-under-par 138.

Patty Sheehan fired a 67 to move into a share of second place at 151 along with Colleen Walker, who posted a 69, and Lori Garbacz, who shot 70.



Gabriela Sabatini reaches finals

Sabatini beats Maleeva

OSAKA, Japan, July 15, (AP): Gabriela Sabatini of Argentina overpowered Katerina Maleeva of Bulgaria and Anders Jarryd of Sweden to defeat American Jim Courier yesterday to earn berths in the finals of the \$250,000 Guinze world tennis tournament.

Sabatini, ranked third in the world, beat Maleeva 6-3, 6-4 in one hour, 27 minutes in the women's semifinals.

In the finals tomorrow, Sabatini is to face American Mary Joe Fernandez, who downed Japan's Nana Miyagi 6-1, 4-6, 7-5 today on the artificial surface at Osaka Municipal Gymnasium in Western Japan.

Fernandez, No. 16 in the world, fired accurate and powerful first serves, while Miyagi doublefaulted 15 times.

In the men's semifinals, Jarryd, the Wimbledon doubles champion, rallied after losing the first set to beat Courier 3-6, 6-3, 6-2.

In the finals, Jarryd will face Pete Sampras, who defeated fellow American Jim Grabb 6-3, 4-6, 6-4 yesterday.

Courier, 18, downed Jimmy Connors 1-6, 7-6 (7-3), 6-4 yesterday in his first match ever with the American veteran.

The winners of both the men's and women's singles will receive \$40,000.

Sixteen men's and women's players are competing in the tourney.



Wilander overcame Arrese

Agassi and Wilander in semifinals

Top seeds stay on collision course

BOSTON, July 15, (Reuters): Andre Agassi and Mats Wilander stayed on a collision course for a final showdown by scoring straight-set victories yesterday to reach the semifinals of the \$415,000 US Pro Tennis Championship.

Agassi, the top seed, beat seventh-seeded Jaime Yzaga of Peru 6-4 6-2, while second-seeded Wilander beat number eight Jorge Arrese of Spain 7-6 6-4 on a day full of clay court quarterfinals made longer by a two-hour rain delay.

Wilander next plays Martin Jaita, twice a finalist here, who overcame his 14th-seeded fellow Argentine Eduardo Bengoechea 6-4 4-6 7-6. Jaita took the third-set tiebreak 7-3.

Agassi faces sixth-seeded Andres Gomez of Ecuador in the semifinals. Gomez served his way past fourth-seeded American Jay Berger 6-4 6-4 in

his quarterfinal match.

Agassi played his usual powerful baseline game throughout the first set, but Yzaga counter-punched effectively until the ninth game when Agassi scored the crucial service break with a pair of forehand winners.

The Las Vegas teenager raced to a 3-0 lead in the second set and then saved four break points on his serve in the fifth game to ensure a routine victory.

Wilander was content to rally from the baseline with the steady Arrese during the first set, but when it reached a tiebreak, the Swede took control with six successful net ventures, four behind his serve.

Wilander said his attacking game made the difference and pointed out that the reason he always plays Wimbledon, where he reached the quarterfinals last week, is to improve his allcourt game.

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